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BEST

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1987

Kelly!
 You & I are glad
 to have our friendship but I'm sorry
 to know we always loved you!
 I got your
 year book for
 you!
 I got your
 year book for
 you!
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 year book for
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I got your
 year book for
 you!

Love
 Always!
 Stella
 P. H. H.

Kelli

I was the second
 person to sign your
 yearbook, is that
 great or what. You're
 a real sweetie
 and I always
 love you.

Stella
 I was the second
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 yearbook, is that
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 and I always
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Love ya tons
 Kelly
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 person to sign your
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 a real sweetie
 and I always
 love you.



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Hey Jelly!

Du warst der
höchste der
Mädchen heute
Blond, aber sei
nicht traurig, der
Leist der stille

Sieger!

Verz 3 mich nicht!

Dein Freund
Astor Salcedo



Getting the BEST ^{from} ~~of~~ us



SERENADING HIS TRUE LOVE, James Holly as Captain Big Jim sings the "Colorado Love Song" to Holly Pechacek as Little Mary Sunshine during the Nov. 6 musical.

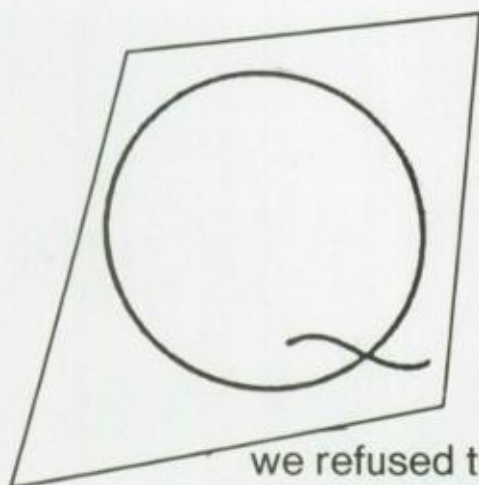
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**New rules, tight budgets
turn pressured students,
harried teachers into ...**

Go-getters



“Pressure can be positive, especially in grades and sports. When the pressure is on, I always try my hardest.”

Jolie Schmoker



“TASTE THIS,” Shannon Snipes tells Annette Neff while Sheila Musgrove and Dennis Nielsen sample other goodies at the Christmas Dance refreshment table.

quietly encircling us, a monster of many faces sought to get the best of us. It attacked us in the form of increased expectations, frightening but exciting new technology, and ever tightening budgets.

In a year of increased demands on students and teachers, we knew the monster was pressure, and we refused to let it get the best of us. Instead, we insisted that it glean the very best from us.

New pressures on students included a rule that they must pass 5½ classes to participate in extracurricular activities. Barring 606 students from a week of participation during first quarter, the rule caused enough students to examine and improve their study habits that only 406, or 4.6 percent, of all grades given for first quarter were F's.

“When I got my downslip in history, I went to the teacher to find out what I could do to improve my grade,” said Doug Hoover '89. “He told me I needed to study harder and longer for tests, which I did, because I certainly didn't want to miss a week of swing choir again.”

Another form of pressure came not from a new rule, but from strict enforcement of an old one. If a student missed 15 days of a class, he was to be dropped from it with an F. Although at the end of the first semester, more than 40 students had dropped out of school, many others faced the pressure by forcing themselves to attend classes regularly.

“I had to change after I almost dropped out,” said Todd Sanders '88. “I always used to put assignments off, but that eventually caught up with me.”

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"THEY'RE ALMOST RIPE," Chris Henry tells Jeff Matter as the two rehearse their parts as fathers of two star-crossed lovers in *The Fantasticks*. Meanwhile, Jaime Weilage, playing the mute, holds up an imaginary wall between them.

TO SIGNIFY THE START of Homecoming week, student council members Vicki Gilman, Jill Tilley, and Stacy Woods put together cards which say "The Wild Life — Homecoming 1986" to hang on the antennae of all the cars in the parking lot on Monday.



PUTTING ON THE FINISHING TOUCHES, Homecoming court member Laurie Milford decorates her car for the car rally.

LOADING MORE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, Sue Claussen and Dave Schuett load a truck with goods collected from the annual food drive. Home-rooms collected 4422 items worth about \$3537, an all time record.

Go-getters continued

“The eligibility rule pressures people who used to sluff off. Now they have to work harder if they want to participate in the things they like.”
Jeff Husmann



A TUCK HERE AND A PIN THERE. Chorus members Teresa Jaussi and Kristi Pedersen make sure their hats are secured before the Nov. 6 production of *Little Mary Sunshine*. After practicing 30 hours, the cast received a standing ovation.

“All the assignments I had missed started to snowball, and I was stuck in a huge mess where I thought the only solution was to drop out. Now I have to keep up, or else.”

One group of students actually went looking for pressure. In their quest for a more professional newspaper and an escape from the high cost and long wait of professional typesetting, the *Echoes* staff purchased new MacIntosh computers on which they did their own typesetting. To complete the process, editors had to spend many nights past midnight at Central Office printing and formatting stories on the district's laser printer.

“Although it's hours and hours of added work, we can make more last minute decisions about what to put in the paper now, just like they do in a professional newsroom,” said Taryn Bixler '87, co-editor of the *Echoes*. “One issue, several stories ran long, and Todd (Fox '87, co-editor) and I decided that instead of cutting all of them, we would add two pages to the paper on a whim. I just dragged home a computer and we worked nonstop all weekend.”

Like never before, teachers faced budgetary restrictions in the form of reduced paper usage. At the end of the first quarter, English teachers discovered they had already printed more copies than their allotment for the entire year. Barred from the copy machine, they had to find new methods of testing and teaching.

“One new thing I did because of the budget cuts was give an oral semester exam,” said Mike Tripp, English instructor. “I don't think any of the kids had taken an oral semester test before. They really had to study and know the material to do well.”

With the monster attacking us from all directions, some might have thought we would break, but we refused to let that happen. We turned things around and made sure pressure pulled the best from us.

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OUR OWN LARRY BIRD, 4'10" Chris Wahl takes a shot with the help of Jason Bowman and Tanya Rocheleau while posing for a picture for the Secret Desires calendar printed by the Speech and Debate Club as a fundraiser. Mrs. Wahl said if she weren't an English teacher, she'd be a basketball player.

WHEELBARROWIN' THROUGH THE GYM, Eddie Lee and Walt Furler represent the winning wrestling team in a pep assembly competition. Cheerleaders planned interesting competitions such as eating ice cream without hands and riding a skateboard across the gym.

"LET'S GO, AL!" Kathy Westphal yells at the Homecoming pep rally held at Bayliss Park as Debbie Over watches the pompon routine.

"THAT LOOKS GOOD," Joan Hanson tells Jeff Jensen and Tami Tiller as they pose for their picture at Christmas Dance. The backdrop was designed and built by Robert Tompkins, who also wrapped the 32 presents in the foreground.

JAMMIN' TO "JUNGLE LOVE," Missy Pike and Stephannie VanScoy show their spirit at the Homecoming pep rally at Bayliss Park.



CUPID'S ARROW STRIKES. Don Scheibeler, Latin instructor, aims for the hearts of Lynette Gittens and Kevin Rasmussen while posing for the Secret Desires calendar.

AMIDST PILES OF CREPE PAPER, Kim Capel, Jean Gibson, and Travis Walker decorate cars with balloons for the rally.



Getting the BEST from Student Life

We had zest for life; we wanted the best from life — and that meant giving our best to life.

During summer's lazy days, getting life's best might have meant simply soaking up enough rays to get the most gorgeous tan around and working enough hours to save up for new clothes or a car.

But once school started, giving our best to life meant filling our days with challenging courses, studying hard, and getting involved in extracurricular activities.

"Besides taking tough classes like calculus and honors English and working part time, I am involved in debate, newspaper, and National Honor Society," said Heidi Hamilton '87. "My days are pretty full, but I don't really mind the pressure, because I think you have to give something to get something."

Special events provided chances for us to give our best. Robert Tompkins '87, for example, told his Foreign Exchange Club he didn't like the usual construction paper and balloon background for Christmas Dance pictures, so he built and wallpapered a set made to look like someone's home, complete with a lighted window and tree.

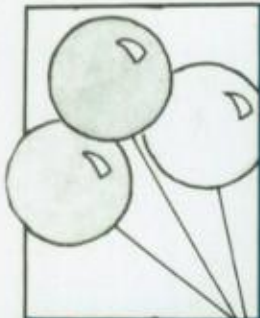
"Most people were concerned with what kind of music they wanted to hear, but that's not important," he said. "Twenty years from now, no one is going to remember whether the music was good, but they'll always have their pictures."

Whether it was a Monday filled with classes and work or a Saturday taken up with decorating, competing, or practicing, those who wanted life's best gave their best.

"I know the administration and the custodians weren't too happy when the school was tee peed for Homecoming, but I think most people realize it has become a traditional way to show spirit around here. Scott Flickinger"



DREAMS OF A WHITE HOMECOMING came true when this scene greeted students Monday morning, Oct. 13, after about 20 students had used 80 rolls of toilet paper to tee pee the school after midnight on Sunday in celebration of Homecoming week.



A sign of
the times —
Westfair

They had gathered all the necessities for one of the most looked-forward-to days of the summer — at least 20 bucks, a comb, and a pair of shades — and now, the tires of their truck crunched over fresh gravel as juniors Jon Lieber, Kurt Hutchinson, and Paul Lane trailed cars entering Westfair.

Crushing waves of heat and animal smells oppressed the boys as they got out of the truck, yet they had never considered staying home.

Like thousands of others, they had migrated north up Highway 6 in the dead heat of July to ride rides, spend money on games, scope out members of the opposite sex, watch the demolition derby, and see the hot air balloons get swallowed up in the sunset.

After taking quick peeks at 4-H displays, they sauntered down the main drag, snarfing cotton candy, hot dogs, and popcorn, admiring the long golden legs of female passers-by, and occasionally submitting to the rousing carnies, who screamed, "Step right up! Take a chance!"

Gobbled up by chances, food, rides, and girls, the boys' bucks slipped through their fingers, just as the summer was doing.



MISS IT! A horrified Vicki Fuller prays for a miss at the pom pon squad's dunking booth at Westfair.

Sittin' pretty

Summer days give more than enough time to sleep, party, tan, and work, leaving us ...

Mmmmmmmmm. Yawning and stretching as she rolled around in her rumpled sheets, Sheila Eyberg '88, lazily cracked an eyelid, letting in some late morning sun.

She took a half hour to persuade herself to get motivated and carry out the day's plans, especially when her bedroom was so comfortable and quiet.

She stumbled to the bathroom in a daze, a condition most students caught on the first day of summer vacation.

"We always had plans to go to the Westroads or to the pool, but most of the time, I ended up in the backyard or watching soaps," she said.

Other ways students enjoyed their time off were going to see box office hits, such as *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *Top Gun*, boogying at the ever-popular Sprite Nite and the Depot, and of course, socializing at parties.

But shopping, tanning, and partying weren't the only things students did during the summer.

Having fun required money, so they had to hold steady jobs.

A poll of 205 students showed 130 spent time working, with 89 putting in

more than 30 hours per week, hours that could have been spent dozing in the sun.

Having a summer job meant being on a schedule, and most often, students felt like robots. The only times their batteries went dead and lights shut down was on a day off.

"I worked construction, so rainy days were the best! Although I had to stay inside, I really appreciated the extra sleep!" said Rick Miller '89.

The days dragged by. Of course the laid-back vacationers had fun, but there were times when working and lounging just weren't enough to keep them going. The boredom sank in, and then ...

Crash! The end hit like a load of bricks! Two weeks and school would start.

Talk about schedules! Talk about robots! "Robot Registration" was an experience many students would never forget, as they trudged in single file lines from station to station, gathering such items as schedules, bus cards and parking stickers.

And so the two-week countdown began. For most, it would include last minute shopping, haircuts, suntanning, and lest we forget, snoozing.



HOT SUMMER NIGHTS. Eddie Lee and Todd Fox enjoy the glamour of being seen by girls in James Holly's '66 Pontiac Le Mans convertible at cruising hot spot, Taco Bell.

WHOA! As his G & S Billy Ruff skateboard gains maximum speed on a homemade launch ramp, Greg Blowers tries a new stunt in Kevin Clark's backyard.



SPOTTING SOME ACTION, Sheila Eyberg and Jacque Jones sip on cokes at the Old Market as they wait for "Mr. Beautiful" to greet them.

WITH A HUFF AND A PUFF, Steve Jensen puts his full effort into his pre-Ragbrai workout on the steepest hill of Forest Drive.



ALL WASHED UP! Taking pride in her new car, Kelly McKeown scrubs "The Thing" in her driveway before a night of cruising.

AN UPLIFTING MOMENT. With anxiety building in her stomach as she whirls around on "The Swinger" at Westfair, D'Lynn Conner decides to stay away from the snack bar.



A sign of
the times —
TGIF

After screaming their lungs out to cheer on the Lynx, fans left the stands keyed up for more fun.

Madison Avenue Burger King was the place to congregate for both St. Albert and AL students, but the big crowds weren't always welcomed.

"One night the management called the police to throw out people talking and not ordering. I was so mad!" said Greta Zimmerman '89. "I didn't even get my cheeseburger."

Since 10 p.m. was too early to go home and too late to catch a movie, the gang often rented from Applause Video.

"Sometimes watching a horror movie in the dark at home with screaming friends can be scarier than seeing it in a theater," said Sue Claussen '87.

Despite the threat to football players of getting kicked off the team for drinking, many students made this part of after game plans.

"A lot of guys would get a case of beer and go to Fairmont or to someone's house when the game was over," said Gary Clouse '87.

Whether it was grabbing a bite to eat, screaming during a gory murder on TV, or downing beers with friends, autumn Friday nights couldn't be dampened by disappointing games or bad weather.



WITH A MOUTHFUL OF FRENCH FRIES, David Daughtery tries to talk to Heather Proctor at Burger King, a favorite hang-out after games.

Sad and glad

As wild fall weekends make school day duldrums bearable, **September** leaves us feeling ...

It was back-to-school time, but not wanting to sacrifice sun and fun, we were singing the blues. Sept. 3 forced us to descend from cloud nine into the school time drudgeries we had left behind three glorious months ago.

But at the same time, another part of us was ready to give up the lazy, sometimes boring summer afternoons for busy school days filled with pep assemblies, friends, and classroom pranks.

The transition from quiet days to busy crazy days came quickly, and because first week temperatures didn't reach above 85 degrees for the first time in three years, there was no relief from school in the form of half days.

Easing into the year was also less possible due to summertime registration.

"Because we got our schedules in the summer, the first day was like any other, filled with homework and lectures," said Steffany Hutchens '88.

In an attempt to give upperclassmen a student lounge, underclassmen faced a special adjustment because their study hall was moved to the dimly lighted and often noisy gym balcony.

"Study hall is awful," said Heidi Neighbors '90. "It's too hard to concentrate with the screaming from P.E. classes, so all

we do is talk."

A new requirement that each student take five classes plus P.E. also angered students.

"I took full loads my sophomore and junior years, so I could have extra study halls for drama my senior year," said Chris Henry '87. "Now I have to take classes I don't need credits for."

Though students were confronted with many changes the first month of school, one thing had remained the same — the anticipation of the first varsity football game.

"When summer gets boring, I look forward to Friday night football games," said Margee Nagel '89. "Everybody goes, so the crowd is always loud and crazy."

Dampened by new school policies and the renewed nightmare of homework, September was a month made bearable by letting loose with friends.

LOST IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD, Shary Judkins finds the window a perfect escape from her English assignment on a sunny September afternoon.

MOBBING FOR ACTION, senior guys cheer the Lady Lynx volleyball team to a victory over Atlantic Sept. 22.





SPIRIT RAISING CHEERS echo from Lori French, Keleigh Scherzinger, Angie Harvey, and Kelsy Coppock at the first pep assembly before the game against Lewis Central Sept. 5.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BOY, Steve Jensen, laughs during his sixth hour class as he accepts a balloon-a-gram and a song sent to him by a friend, Windy Kennedy.

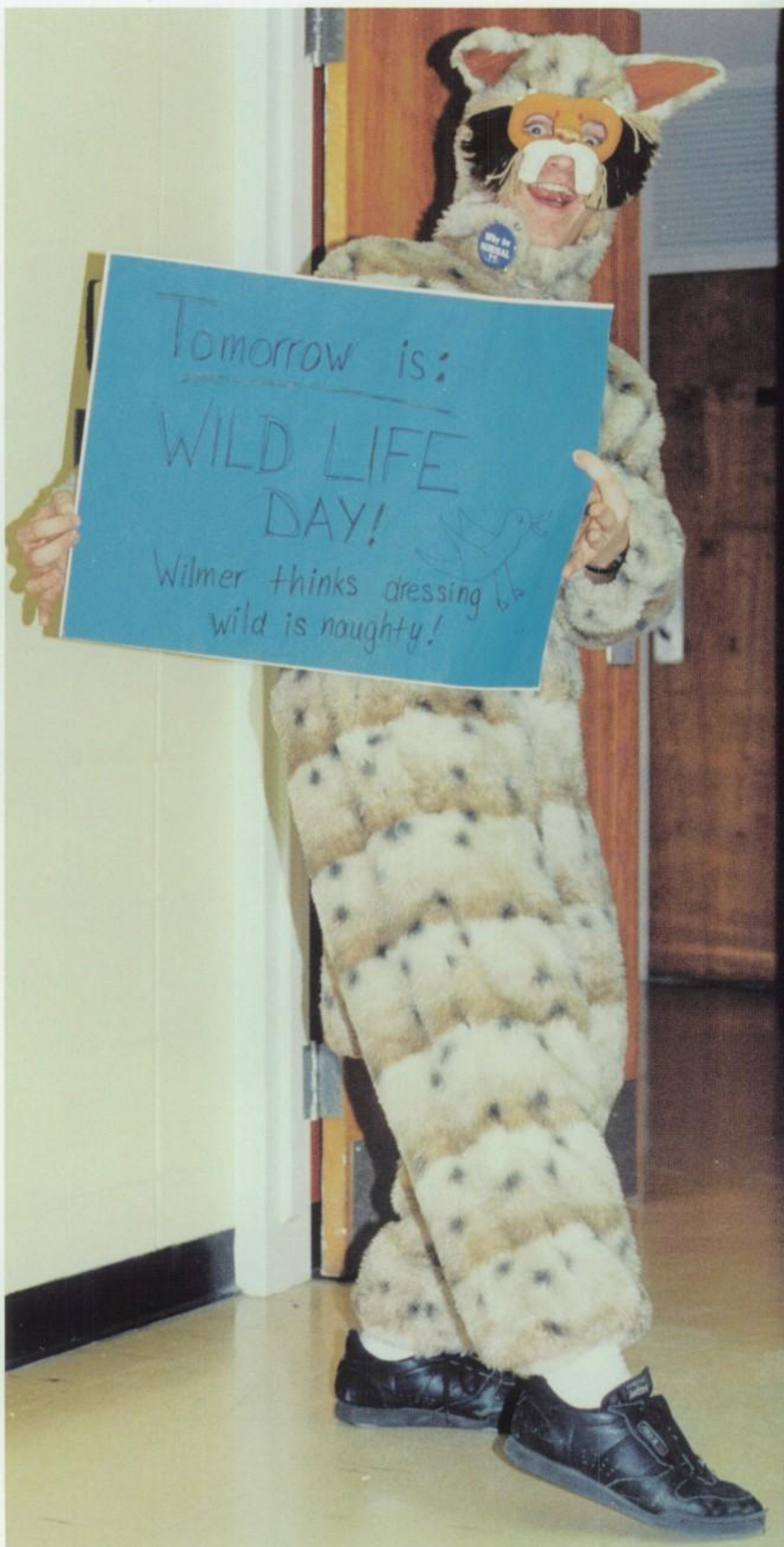


"GET BACK HERE!" yell Peggy Streepy and Craig Faust to Calvin Duis, who forgot to pay admission to the yearbook signing party Sept. 19.

A NEW MALL! With the Marching Lynx playing in the background, Flag Corp members Cathy Hurley and Jodi Potter perform their routines at the Mall of the Bluffs' grand opening on October 8. The first hundred people to arrive were given souvenir scissors to help with the cutting of the ribbon.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Dustan Kern dons mask, cape, and gloves to help scare students at the haunted house built by members of Grace United Presbyterian Church.



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Malls, maniacs, misbehavin' — memorable moments make October a month for ...

Wild, wild life

We went wild in October. On Oct. 8 we skipped school to converge on the grand opening of the Mall of the Bluffs.

On Oct. 12 and 16, we covered every bush, tree, shrub, and fence on campus with 128 rolls of toilet paper to celebrate Homecoming our way.

On Oct. 31 we dressed as Greek muses and ladies of the night and traipsed across town to visit haunted houses despite cold, rainy weather.

"This month went really fast," said Christine Wagman '87. "We got involved in more activities and had a lot of fun."

After months of waiting for the new Mall of the Bluffs to open, Oct. 8 finally arrived, and band and choir members excused themselves from class to take part in the festivities.

Complete with 15,000 balloons, a speech by Governor Terry Branstad, and performances by Lynx musicians, the ceremony kept the crowd in suspense a few moments longer.

Finally, the Marching Lynx led the crowd, including dozens of AWOL students, into the vast walkways of the mall.

"It was really incredible," said Tanya Rocheleau '88. "We ran from store to store, trying to see everything, and we even got lost. It was so exciting. We felt

like Council Bluffs was moving up."

When they returned to school, students brought some of the excitement with them. Throughout the halls, bits of colored confetti littered the floor. Everywhere, balloons floated from class to class bearing the mall's slogan "Talk of the Town."

And talk we did. Second in size only to Westroads, the new mall generated more conversation than our weekend adventures, and opinions ranged from indifferent to enthusiastic.

"I really like the mall," said Beth Ranney '88. "There are so many shops there, and it's a lot better than Midlands Mall. The theaters are nice, too, and I love to go to the pet store there."

But others were not so impressed.

"I'm disappointed in the mall," said Barb Leu '87. "I can't find any clothing I like made of cotton or wool, or of decent quality. I keep going there, hoping I'll find something I like, but everything is either acrylic, polyester, or poorly made."

Yet no one disputed that the mall's location was absolutely perfect. Just three blocks away, it gave us the feeling we had our own personal mall, created especially for after-school rendezvous and evening excursions.

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A sign of
the times —
Spirit

Yelling, school songs, and cheerleaders were the basics of pep rallies, but we spiced up the recipe with skits and crazy competitions.

We watched athletes compete like never before as they dribbled basketballs to the middle of the gym, skateboarded the rest of the way across on their stomachs, and stumbled back as human "wheelbarrows."

We laughed as they tricycled to the end of the gym and, without hands or utensils, ate ice cream out of a bowl, found the cherry at the bottom, and then rolled frozen oranges covered in baby oil, back with their faces.

And no one could forget the first pep rally of the year when James Holly '87, dressed as a Lynx mascot, chased Jeff Matters '87, who pretended to be a Lewis Central Titan, until finally catching up with him and dumping him in a garbage can.

"We did our best to think of fun things to do at the pep rallies that everyone would enjoy," said Lori Barritt '87, varsity cheerleader.



AS A REMINDER to students to dress up for "Wildlife" day Tuesday, Todd Fox runs from class to class dressed as a Lynx to attract attention. The theme for Homecoming was "Wildlife," the song by the Talking Heads.

AND THE RACE IS ON! With smiles as bright as their outfits, candidates for Homecoming queen 1986 pose in the courtyard. Pictured are Laurie Milford, Shelly Brooks, Anne Dryden, Andrea Darveaux, and Tracy Machmuller.



CHOW TIME! Scott Sanders yells encouragement as Mike Moats attempts to eat ice cream without using his hands, during a pep rally competition.

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Continued

ild, wild life

No sooner had we initiated the mall than Homecoming was upon us. It started with dress-up days, on which we came to school as playboy bunnies, masked murderers, and emperors in togas.

The theme for Homecoming, "Wildlife," authorized us to act our craziest, and at a car rally and dance on Thursday night, we did just that.

"The dance at Bayliss Park was like our special night to show off," said Peggy Streepy '88. "Everyone was having fun dancing and acting crazy, and it didn't matter that people could see us because we were showing off our school spirit and pride."

A losing season and cold, rainy weather couldn't prevent us from turning out to support our team against Omaha Central on Friday night. Huddled together on hard, unyielding bleachers, we cheered and chanted, and though we lost 56 to 6, our spirit didn't diminish.

During half-time we saw Tracy Machmuller '87, crowned Homecoming queen by her sister Wendy, last year's queen. As the crown passed from sister to sister, the crowd roared with approval.

Finally, it came time for the dance on

Saturday night, and we entered the big gym, miraculously transformed by crepe paper and balloons into a dance hall.

"Homecoming wasn't as good as it was two years ago, but it was a lot better than last year," said Linda Bottrell '87. "The music was really good. They played a variety of songs. It wasn't just the same old thing you hear on the radio all the time."

With the end of October came Halloween, providing us with yet another opportunity to go wild and have fun.

Some of us went trick-or-treating, while others went haunted house hunting. Still others helped build the haunted houses, and some just partied.

"I helped build a maze and put up walls for nine rooms," said Loren Knauss '90, who worked on his church's haunted house. "It was hard work, but a lot of fun. The best part was scaring everyone."

But whatever we did, all of us made the most of what seemed to be a brief month. October came and went before we knew it, but its memories of wild times and laughter would stay with us for years to come, safely locked away in the corners of our minds.



WHAT'S GOING ON? Speech and debate members Matt Miller, Ricco Siasoco, Jeff Hays, Scott Sanders, and Darren Deroos watch *Slumber Party Massacre* at a Halloween party held at Deroos' house.



A MOMENT TO REMEMBER! As the 1986 Homecoming queen is announced over the loudspeaker, Tracy Machmuller and Jimmy Heidenescher, an '86 graduate, say it all with the expressions on their faces. Machmuller was crowned by her sister Wendy, who was last year's queen.



JASON LIVES! Acting out a scene from "Friday the 13th," Marsha Hoffman and Loren Knauss add horror to Grace's haunted house.

THE LATEST FASHION? To show his spirit, Larry Stover dresses in rags on Slob Day.

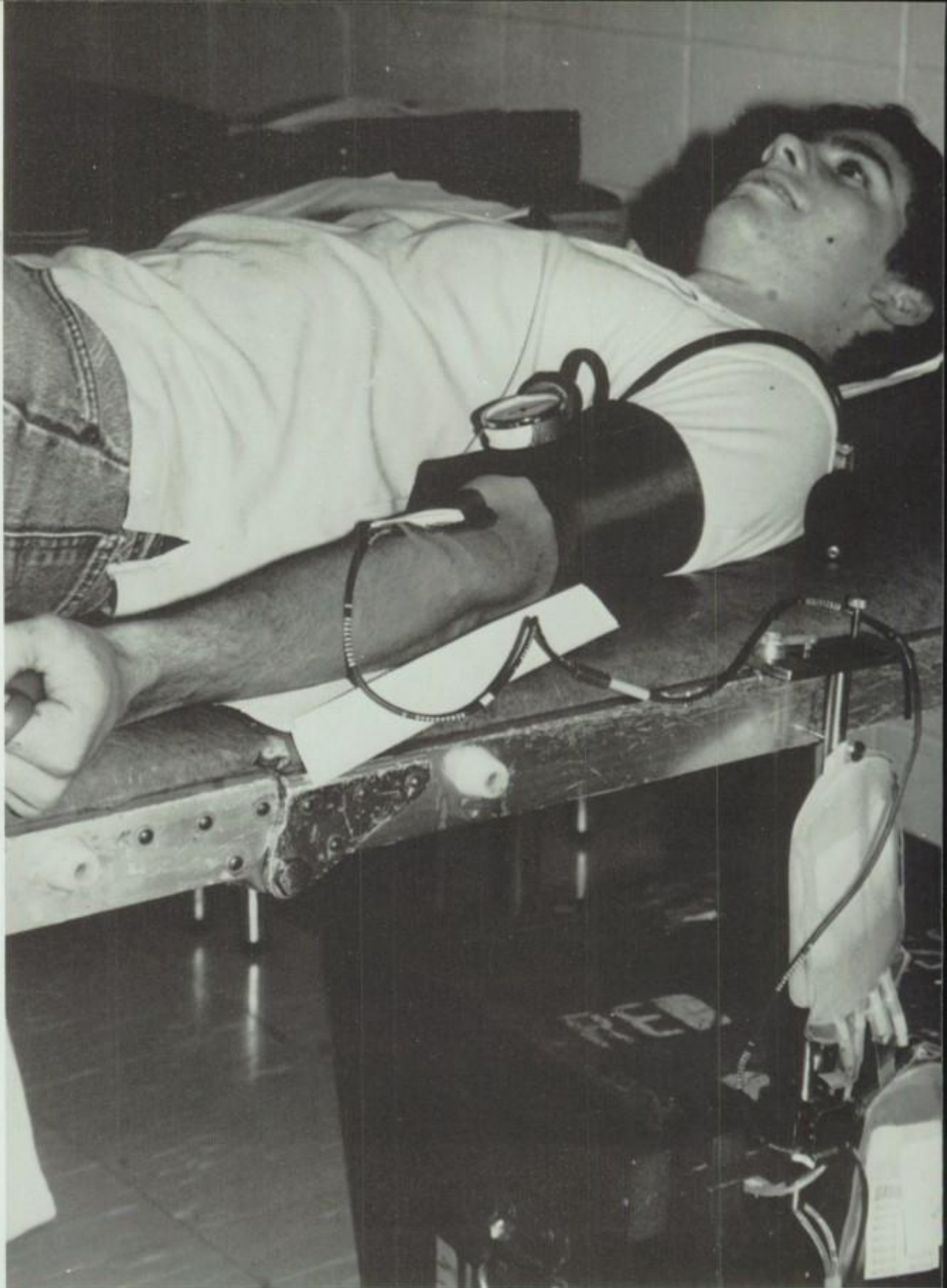


LOOK AT ALL THE BALLOONS! As Tanya Rocheleau fills balloons with helium for Thursday night's car rally and dance at Bayliss Park, Tim Anderson helps tie and attach strings. The car rally, which started at AL, wound its way to Bayliss Park, where Homecoming festivities began.

PREPARING FOR THE FUN part of helping with Grace's haunted house, Anne Dryden and Jeff Wall put on make-up to scare visitors. The haunted house, which took several days to set up, had to be returned to the condition it was in before Halloween.

GIVING IT HIS ALL! Awaiting cookies and orange juice at the end of the ordeal, Tracy Hauser donates blood in the small gym. This was the second year Hauser gave blood.

ONE STEP CLOSER. "Getting measured for my cap and gown showed me how close to college I am," said Shary Judkins. Ken Kampfe, a representative from Willise Cap and Gown, measures her.



YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DANCIN'! Holding each other close, Jean Gibson, playing Mable, and Scott Walker, playing Tom, dance to "Merry Party" during *Little Mary Sunshine*. The cast rehearsed for three weeks before opening night.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON. Scott Dietz as the chief instructs his son, played by Travis Walker, in the ways of becoming a man and an Indian brave.



Bringing jitters, crushed hopes,
and finally vacation, **November**
becomes the month of the ...

Longest wait

We waited for opening night, the bloodmobile, the first basketball game, and Thanksgiving vacation — anything that would give us something fun to do or a moment to shine.

But few students shone as brightly as Holly Pechacek '88, and James Holly '87, in the school musical *Little Mary Sunshine*, Nov. 6-8.

"I was so nervous and anxious for opening night," said Pechacek. "I had never been in a play before, and all of a sudden, I had the lead and this maximum number of lines. But after the play, all I could do was wait for swing choir performances in early December. November was so dead."

While students waited for November to liven up, they decided to give a little of themselves. On Nov. 5 they lined up, lay down, and donated 65 pints of blood to the Red Cross.

As November kicked off its second week, students' hopes peaked as the girls' basketball team snatched a victory from Tee Jay at the Glenwood Jamboree, starting winter sports on a positive note.

But hopes crashed as both boys' and girls' varsity teams found themselves on the losing end of the court in seven of their first ten games.

"After such a depressing football season, both teams really wanted to get off to a good start," said Lisa Koenig '89. "It looked like we might have something to cheer about in the beginning of the season, but then we just couldn't seem to get it together."

But a winning season wasn't the only thing that seemed destined to make a late arrival.

First scheduled for distribution on Nov. 9, report cards were delayed two times before the Nov. 14 appearance, just 11 short days prior to the long awaited Thanksgiving vacation.

That six-day break we had all waited for arrived right on time with turkey, dressing, and all the traditional goodies.

Still the waiting didn't end.

The smell of turkey grew faint; tinsel, lights, and stockings lit the way for December; and we were left waiting for Christmas Dance and Santa Clause.



A sign of
the times —
Flicks

Cold weather made its entrance, football season made its exit, and students traded in their stadium blankets for movie tickets.

"In October we went to football games," said Steff Hutchens '88. "Now we spend about \$14 a month at the theater 'cause there's nothing else to do."

November saw the opening of two hot flicks — *Crocodile Dundee*, about a legendary Australian crocodile hunter, and *Peggy Sue Got Married*, the story of a woman who gets the chance to relive her senior year in high school. But *Top Gun*, which rocketed to the top of box office sales charts in early July, was still flying high with students.

"I saw some of the new movies, but *Top Gun* was still better," said Amelia Johnson '88. "With the music, Tom Cruise, and the flight scenes, I got caught up in the story."

Movies were popular all year but as November rolled in, even more students stood in line for tickets, popcorn, and fun.



TO WIND DOWN after the musical, choir members hold a hayrack ride at Shady Lane Ranch, and Amy Feekin and Greta Zimmerman have a hay day.

WITH A GALLANT KISS, Jeff Matter, as General Oscar Fairfax, greets Kim Capel, playing Ernestine Von Liebedich.



"A CARTOON? NO WAY! What do you mean you want to see *American Tail*?" Steffany Hutchens and Todd Devereaux joke around outside the Midlands 4 Theater on their weekly trip to the movies.



"NO MORE FOOD!" Margee Nagel tells Taryn Bixler and Leanne Ellis, who tempt her with a plate of cookies at the newspaper staff Christmas party at advisor Linda Smoley's home.

"C'MON, JUST THIS ONE!" Roger Brandenburg persuades his date, Carol Daly, to join in the jam at Jingle Bell Rock in the gym.



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With parties, holiday shopping,
a food drive, and a dance,
December gives reason to ...

ake merry

Twas the month of Christmas,
And not a textbook was cracked,
'Cause throughout classrooms
All concentration had lacked.
The parties were planned
With expense and care,
Knowing vacation
Soon would be here.

After the last of their Thanksgiving turkeys were devoured, students returned to school, anxiously anticipating two weeks of daytime soaps, Christmas cookies, and the "bubbly" on midnight of the 31st.

A December day didn't pass without the low murmur of toes tapping and voices whispering during seventh hour as students awaited the afternoon bell, freeing them to pounce on malls near and far with wads of green stuffed in their mits.

LOOKIN' GOOD. Swing Choir gleefully performs "Up On The Housetop" for afternoon shoppers at the Mall of the Bluffs Dec. 18.

Soon, the presents to be bought, dance outfits to be chosen, and party preparations to be made started to take their toll on everyone's good cheer.

"I was fed up with life! I wished it could be the last day of school forever," said Kyle Everroad '90.

Yet, enough Christmas spirit remained to lock students into a fierce contest between homerooms to help the needy in the Student Council Food Drive.

Journalism, concert choir, and accounting students were top competitors in the drive, in which the homeroom donating the most food to the needy would win a pizza lunch on the student council.

When students finished rummaging through cupboards, canvassing neighborhoods, and trekking through local stores hunting for bargains, they had collected 4422 items worth \$3537.

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A sign of
the times —
Traditions

Sheryl Clark '89, leaned back in her chair at the breakfast table and watched the familiar figure of her grandmother fluttering about the kitchen.

"Grandma loves Christmas more than any other time because she gets to see her own kids as well as her grandkids," Clark said.

At Clark's house and many others, a family gathering and enormous meal were holiday traditions.

But other families started some not-so-common traditions.

Julie Mankin '89, and her two sisters have indulged in a Mexican fiesta of tacos every Christmas Eve since 1981.

"After years of traveling over Christmas, the first year we stayed at home my parents asked us what one single thing in the world we wanted for dinner, and we said tacos," Mankin said.

Another family made a tradition out of the disposal of their Christmas tree.

"Every year after the holidays, we take our tree out to the woods and burn it to smell the pine. I really missed having a real tree this year," said Kari Suden '89.



WHACK WHERE? Mike Cooper positions his saw to cut down his family's tree at the Bee Bee Town Tree Farm. The Cooper family has been cutting down their own tree for the last six years.



"OH NO!" Robb Traylor screams as he unveils his gift of leopard print undies at the yearbook Christmas party at Jennie Tanous' home.

TENDER MOMENTS. Engrossed in each other, Sarah Smock and Scott Munrow sway to "Never Ending Story" at Christmas Dance.



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in the largest food drive of the school's history.

Instructor Bob Burns' accounting students and Linda Smoley's journalism students won the pizza lunches.

Incentive to organize another competition for a special cause soon developed when freshman Michael Stone's death, due to cancer, was announced on Dec. 6.

Rob Neilsen '88, and Jerry Cundiff '88, members of the Dead Road Gophers intramural basketball team, got permission to play a faculty team and donate the proceeds to establish a scholarship in Stone's name.

The Dead Road Gophers triumphed over the faculty 37-30, earning over \$750.

No sooner had the toilet paper and paper airplanes been picked up after the game than the Foreign Exchange Club invaded the gym with red and green balloon arches, silver bells, and flocked trees, all to enhance the magic of Christmas Dance on Dec. 20.

The Foreign Exchange Club, sponsors of Christmas Dance since 1972, spent eight exhausting hours covering tables,

arranging balloon bouquets, hanging streamers, and decorating trees, making the atmosphere of "Jingle Bell Rock" a success.

"I was in shock at the beauty of the decorations. I could tell they put lots of work into it. It made me feel older and the evening very special," said Sarah Schultz '90.

Holiday enthusiasm radiated from students as they left the dance exhilarated, yet ready for two weeks of lustful laziness.

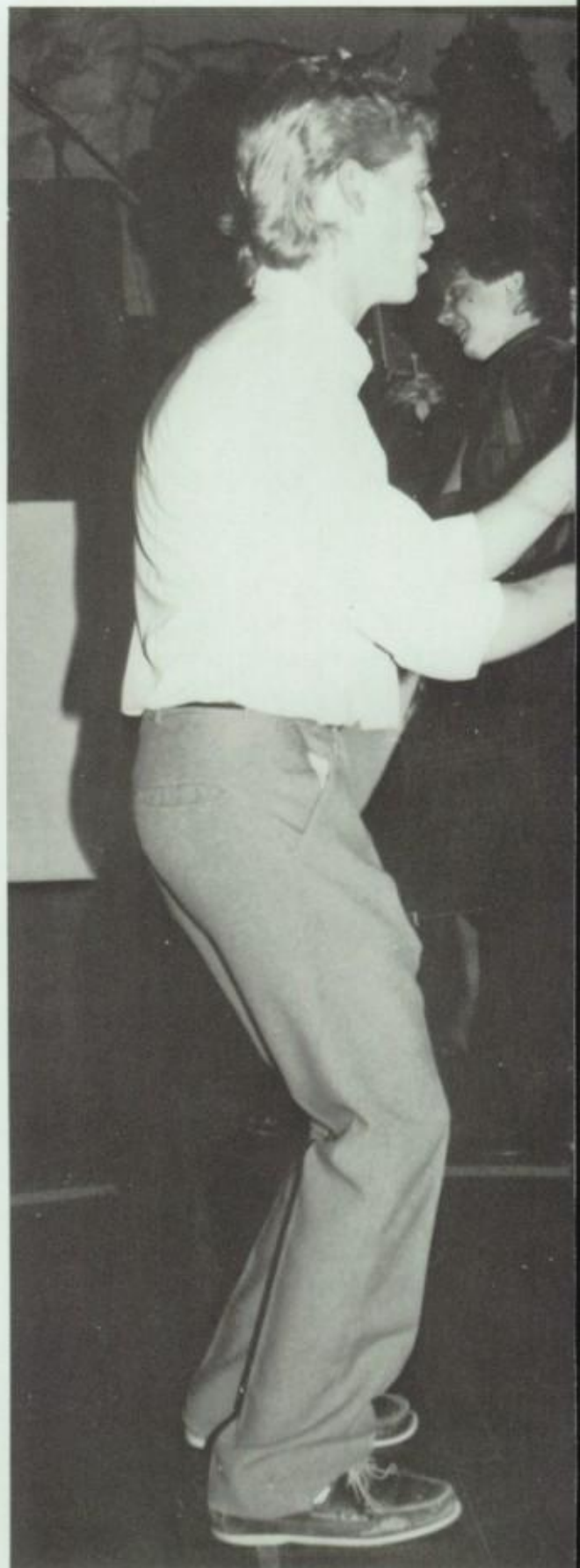
With all the extra time to catch up on zzzzzzz's, go out on the town, and watch the tube, few had extra time for trivial things such as homework over vacation.

"I had to be up by noon to watch *All My Children* and *One Live To Live*, and then I went out or to work," said Jody Anderson '89, whose books poofed with dust as she reluctantly plopped them on her desk first hour Monday, Jan. 5.

BOOGYIN' TO THE BEAT of Joe Blood from Z-92, Lisa Laurito and Ty Diamond of Lewis Central enjoy a fast dance at Jingle Bell Rock.

A CAROLIN' WE GO. Concert Choir members trudge out in the cold to bring a little cheer to the Forest Drive area Dec. 21.

FILLED WITH SURPRISE, David Tobias, American Studies teacher, unwraps a plaque engraved with adoring words delivered by Ami "Santa Claus" Belt.





WITH A TWINKLE IN THEIR EYES, James Holly and Anne Dryden share the spotlight after being crowned King and Queen of Jingle Bell Rock.

HO HO HO! A smile appears as Melody Massih opens her gift from Mike Cooper at the yearbook Christmas party at Jennifer Tanous' home.



KING AND QUEEN James Holly and Anne Dryden smile with their court, Mike Feller, Jeff Griffis, John Larsen, Joe Mass, Jean Schnack, Laurie Milford, Lisa Wilson, and Shelly Brooks.

SMILIN' WIDE. Ready for a picture, Larry Stover grins as Joan Hansen poses him with Christmas Dance date Katie Nelson.

HAND IT OVER! With outstretched arms, Shelly Brooks works up a sweat helping to load the RLDS truck with Student Council Food Drive goods totalling \$3537.





A sign of the times — Finals

As Monday Jan. 12 neared, we braced ourselves for semester tests, looking for easier or more pleasant ways to study.

We got bored trying to memorize lists of facts, formulas, and numbers, so we began to use more creative methods.

"We were studying the planets and Mr. Barker gave us the phrase, 'My very extravagant mother just sent us nine pizzas!' to help us remember the names of the planets in order of distance from the sun," said Elizabeth Stukeley '90. "It was easier to remember than boring facts."

Of 25 students polled, 11 made preparing for tests more enjoyable by studying with friends.

"I studied with a friend before almost every test, but there was actually more laughing than studying," said Keri Suden '90.

The other 54 percent of those interviewed hit the books alone.

"I knew studying with a friend would be a mistake because I like to mess around every chance I get," said Missy McKinley '87.



SEATED CENTER STAGE while studying for her semester tests, Jean Gibson reviews her English text behind *The Fantasticks* set Jan. 15. Gibson spent 35 hours learning her lines.

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When nice weather teams up with backstage passes and easier than usual final exams, **January is a . . .**

Blustry snow storms, back-to-school routines, and grueling semester tests could break the spirit of even the best of us, but January '87, brought welcome surprises that helped us through those post-holiday blahs.

"Semester tests worried me at first," said Annette Nielson '88. "But after I took the first one, I decided they weren't so hard so I spaced the rest off."

In a random poll of 25 students, 17 agreed with Nielson that semester tests were much easier than they expected.

Easier than usual tests weren't January's only surprise. The weather provided a chance for some unseasonal fun.

With temps reaching as high as 68 degrees and eight days when the mercury topped 50, January became a month of light-weight sweaters and sunglasses.

"Sure it snowed a couple of times, but it never lasted overnight," said Rick Vandenburg '89. "It was great. I could even go out and shoot baskets without a coat."

Skiing and skating were still popular, but thanks to the weather, most of the skating took place inside Ak-Sar-Ben,

and skiing took place from midnight to 6 a.m. on Mt. Crescent's man-made snow.

"I have a membership at Crescent," said Heather Proctor '88. "But since Sweet 98 started sponsoring skiing from midnight to 6 a.m. and calling it Midnight Madness, I like going even more."

During the last two weekends in January, backstage was the place to be as choir and drama students performed *Fantasticks*.

The play about two friends who build a wall between their homes and trick their kids into marriage by forbidding it was performed for an intimate audience of about 130 sitting backstage.

"Backstage seating was much more personal," said Amy Wheeler '88. "It was cute when one actor sang to the girl next to me."

In January backstage passes to *Fantasticks* teamed up with nice weather and easy semester tests, giving us an element of surprise.

"SAY HEY! HEY! HEY NOW!" Fans cheer the boys' varsity basketball team to victory at a home game against St. Albert Jan. 10.





PARTY ANIMALS Mike Boone, Mike Feller, and Scott Puntenev decorate for instructor Mike Freeman's birthday in Physics class.

VEGETABLES OR CHILDREN? Hucklebee, played by Doug Hoover, and Bellamy, played by Jeff Matter, discuss the advantages of raising veggies.

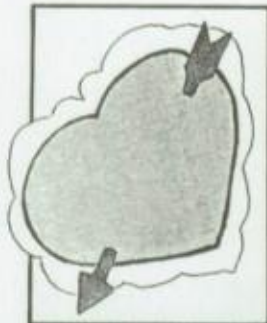


"TAG! YOU'RE IT!" Jeff Griffis, Gary Martin, and Kenny Arrick play tag on ice at Ak-Sar-Ben during a band party.

GETTING INTO THE SWING. Greta Zimmerman and Mindy Abel enjoy Valley View on inservice day.



SECRETLY STEALING A KISS from over the garden wall, Matt, played by Travis Walker, gives Luisa, played by Kim Capel, a good-bye kiss while the mute, played by Jamie Weilage, watches.



*A sign of
the times —
Romance*

Looking like a gift-boutique, the main office held more than a hundred long-stemmed roses, flower arrangements, balloon bouquets and stuffed animals until anxious students could pick them up between classes February 13.

Valentine's Day arrived, and such expressions of romance surprised many students.

"My boyfriend is definitely not the romantic type," said Kelly Yost '87. "He cares about me, but he always forgets special days like our anniversaries. On Valentine's Day, he brought me a bunch of balloons, and a huge one that said 'I love you.' I was speechless."

Many girls also took the initiative to do something special for their boyfriends.

"My girlfriend had a huge balloon sent to me at school," said Mike Carrithers '87. "She didn't tell me anything about it, and I was really surprised. I couldn't believe that big balloon was for me."



HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KID. Looking like something out of a Humphrey Bogart movie, Tom McElroy and his girlfriend, Karrie Sibert, wish each other a Happy Valentine's Day between classes.

S ugar n' spice

Strutting his stuff, the newly announced second-place winner of the Legs Contest stepped forward before the screaming, rowdy crowd.

"Let's see some legs! Show us some legs!" voices shouted at James Holly '87, as he surveyed the gym packed with students at the year's first "required-seating" pep assembly.

Holly slipped the suspenders off his shoulders, unbuttoned his pants, and before anyone could realize what he was going to do, pulled them down and showed students his legs — as well as his jockey shorts.

"I couldn't believe it," said Tiffanie Cornell '87. "I thought sure he had shorts on underneath. When he pulled down his pants and only had on underwear, I about died."

Holly's stunt proved to be just one of the things that added spice to the already jam-packed month of February.

National Honor Society members sponsored a Heart to Heart computer dating service that matched students up with their ten most compatible people at AL.

Students purchased the \$1.50 results, and laughter filled the halls as they compared lists, and either blushed with em-

barrassment or eagerly asked friends such things as: "What's he like?"

"I can't look him in the face anymore when I walk by him in the halls," said Peggy Streepy '88, of a senior who turned up on her list. "I don't really know him, but he's so cute, it's embarrassing wondering if I turned up on his list."

As Valentine's Day approached, DECA contributed a bit of novelty to the traditional tokens exchanged, selling small teddy bears with printed messages.

"They were really cute," said Stephanie Hilty '87, "much better than a flower that didn't last very long."

The weekend of the 27th, more than 30 students headed toward two days of wrestling and partying with friends at the State Wrestling meet in Des Moines.

"State was a lot of fun," said James Hatcher '87. "It was great to get away from Council Bluffs for a while."

While State provided those who went with a welcome change of pace, February's spring-like weather enabled everyone to participate in outdoor activities such as horseback riding and kite-flying.

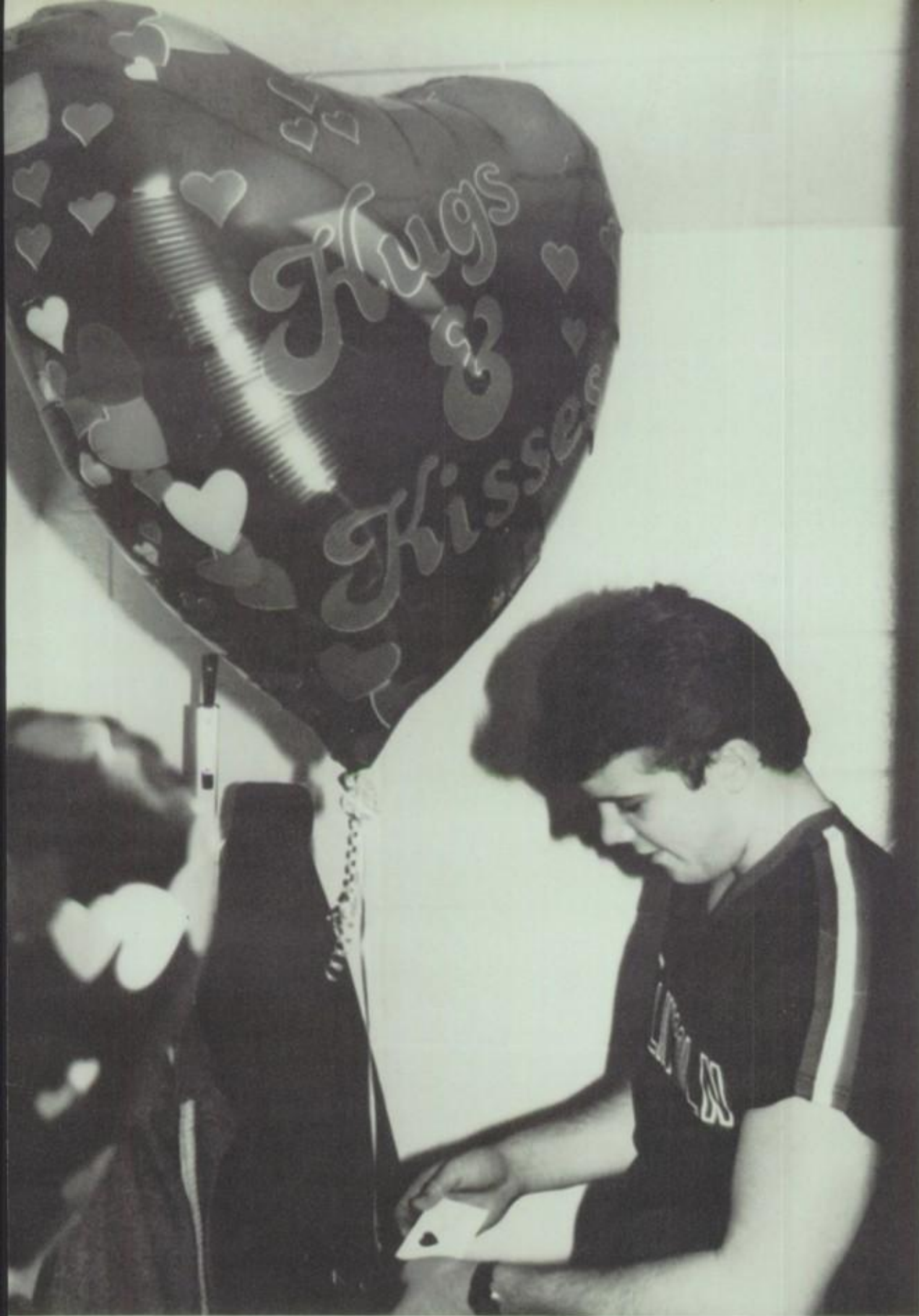
"I've been able to ride my skateboard almost all winter," said Vince Brandts '89. "I'm glad it didn't snow."



JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS. Stacy Woods, James Hatcher, and Annette Nielson goof off during free time at State in the cheerleaders' hotel room.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! Wendy Rasmussen checks to see who sent her a bouquet of roses.





WHO IS THIS FROM? Mike Carrithers examines the card attached to the hugs balloon he received for Valentine's Day from his girlfriend.

WHERE DID MINE GO? As Andrea Rocheleau and Sara Schultz smile happily over the flowers they received for Valentine's Day, Bob Drummond patiently searches for his in the guidance office.



RISQUÉ! After being announced second-place winner of the Legs Contest, James Holly shows his stuff as Sue Claussen, Sara Harvey, Penny Pearson, and Jeff Husmann turn away in laughter.

FREE TIME! Taking advantage of February's spring-like weather, Steffany Hutchens and Tammy Nielsen attempt to fly their kite at Central Park Mall in Omaha.





A sign of
the times —
The blues

It was that endless season when the snow didn't blow and the sun didn't shine, but the rain kept rainin'. It was third quarter.

After days upon days of dreary wet weather that bruised our spirits, it was easy to let ourselves slump in our chairs and nod off into the "Twilight Zone" during a lecture, leaving spittle on our notebooks.

"Some teachers spend the whole period telling us their life's story instead of explaining the assignment, so why not catch up on zzz's?" said Jeanette Pruett '90.

At the end of third quarter, the honor roll showed that 15 percent of first quarter academicians had snoozed during one too many lectures and lost their place on the prestigious list.

In addition, the daily absence list grew 68.5 percent from first quarter, from an average of 70 students per day to 118 per day.

Third quarter — the struggle seemed endless, but if we looked far enough ahead, fun, carefree days were just around the corner.



TOO TIRED TO TRY, Joni Johnson nearly dozes off after a hard night's work at Parkway Studios. This night was just one of the many she worked, usually totaling 30 hours a week.

SOME SHUN SUNSHINE, but Jodi Larsen enjoys a tan all year round, with Mane Event's tanning beds.

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Fantasies, snoozes, skips, trips, tensions, and basketball mania make **March** a month to seek an ...

Aranee Smith '88, was in the midst of an afternoon nap, happily dreaming of palm trees, beach balls, and the dark, muscular physiques of males.

Twenty minutes and \$4 later, the snooze ended. Her time was up. She dressed reluctantly, sprayed the tanning bed with disinfectant, and walked out of the salon.

During the long three-month stretch between Christmas and spring break, fantasies such as Smith's became more important than ever to preserve the sanity of teachers and students pressured with accelerated publication deadlines, vocal and band contests, forensics competitions, frenzied money making projects, and Prom plans.

Some students skipped class, some took leave for a whole day, and some stayed in class, but their minds focused on something else or some other place.

"My boyfriend and I were fighting a lot, and I was too depressed to stay in school all day," said Sarah Wohlt '89.

Members of Grace Presbyterian Youth Group took a longer break with school approval to Steamboat Springs, Colorado for an extended weekend of fresh air and beautiful mountain scenery.

Although two members had collisions that tore ligaments, the trip provided a special getaway for all.

"It felt good to be away from the mono-

tony of school, make new friends from other youth groups, and spend time to myself. Even though I was on crutches after my wreck and couldn't ski, I still was able to participate in the rest of the fun," said Mishelle Allmon '89.

For those who had to remain in Council Bluffs, the drudgery of March wore on, relieved just a little by the antics of one intramural basketball team.

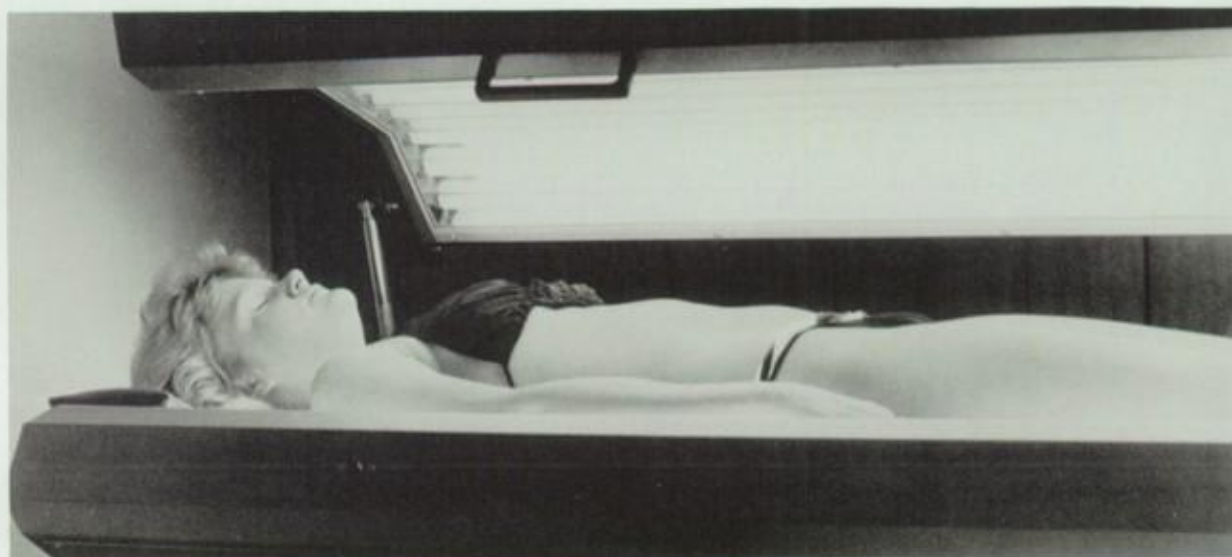
The Caucasian Invasion entertained us all, complete with cheerleaders, P.A. announcer, team coach, team dietitian, team owner, team mascot, equipment manager, and as of the final tournament, a team trophy.

With all its craziness, the team took the game more seriously than most people realized.

"Even though I know I have to be ready to play by 7:15 a.m., I sometimes have trouble getting to sleep just thinking about the game in the morning," said Mike Boone '87.

Boone wasn't the only student with the jitters, as many worried about raising third quarter grades, scoring well at music contests, getting accepted into NHS, and finding a date to Prom.

But Mother Nature managed to relieve some of our tensions, at least temporarily, when she dumped 13 inches of snow on the metro area, giving us a vacation from work and school on the last two days of this hectic month.





SNOWBOUND. After two feet of snow had melted, Shane Sanders, Missy McKinley, and Linda Bottrell venture out in the mush for some excitement on the last of two snow days at the end of March.

WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE? Stephanie Williams asks Lori Schultz for her opinion on a prom dress sold at Deb in the Mall of the Bluffs.



THIS SURE BEATS THE BOYS' ROOM! Instead of going to first hour, Mark Barlow and Dave Feller share a smoke in the parking lot.

GOIN' FOR THE GUSTO. During an intramural basketball game, Jim Campbell of the Dead Road Gophers makes a desperate leap for points as Rob Collins of The South End Metro prepares to block.

READY FOR THE ROAD. With visions of mountains and powdery snow dancing in his head, Jeff Wall loads his gear for the Grace Church ski trip.





THE FABULOUS FIFTIES. Young Design members perform "Charlie Brown" at Abe Lynx Follies.



"YOU KNOW YOU LOOK SO GOOD!" Swing Choir members Travis Walker, Doug Hoover, and Jeff Brown sing "Twist and Shout" to Tanya Rocheleau at the matinee of the Abe Lynx Follies.



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Posters, announcements, constant chatter, and clever plans make **April** a month for ...

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Smilng girls sat at a table in the courtyard at lunch, discussing the big night approaching just a few weeks away.

While most of them chattered incessantly about a romantic dinner, an exhilarating workout on the dance floor, and a wacky, wonderful night out on the town, two of them sat quietly, looking back and forth at the others.

As the two went back to class, enticing posters hung in every corridor, making it impossible to think about anything but finding a date.

With constant conversation, posters, and P.A. announcements that bellowed Prom time, April was a month of diverse moods, ranging from ecstasy to anxiety.

GOTTA WEAR SHADES. To look good for a buddy picture, Kristin Johnson gets help adjusting her raybands from Laura Keim.

"Ever since December, I worried about a date for Prom. All my friends had steady boyfriends, so when I got a date, I was really relieved that I wouldn't be watching T.V. and eating chocolate chip ice cream on the twenty-fifth," said Ronni Shaw '87.

Once a date was arranged by those without steadies, detailed plans for the night were uppermost in everyone's mind.

Dates had to find, buy, borrow, or rent the most unique dress or the coolest tux; order coordinating flowers; and make reservations for dinner at the classiest restaurants.

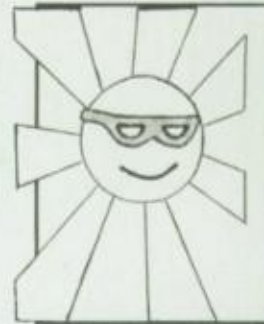
"Leanne asked me near the end of March, and we knew the plans would be Maxine's, then the dance, and then Post-Prom," said Jeff Hays '89. "The only thing that went wrong was that we were seated a half hour late."

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AN OUTSTANDING OUTFIT of green and red plaid makes James Holly and his date Lisa Wolfe of Tee Jay stand out at Prom.

FOOT REBELLION. Craig Ryan agrees to let date Pattie Bury of Papillion High rest her tired feet at Prom.



A sign of the times —
Sun fun

Sunshine — we'd come to believe that it makes us better, lightening our hair, darkening our skin, healing our zits, and lifting our spirits. It was our cure-all, and we wanted to bask in it every moment we could, and in April, we had plenty of opportunities.

One person who had plenty of time for sun was Tad Brewer '89. Without a job, he spent many an afternoon riding his 350SL Honda motorcycle or lying on a 5x6 patch of grass, which he conveniently reached by crawling through his window at Pine Ridge Apartments.

"Not being old enough to work has its advantages. The money flow's not so great, but I love being able to go home and relax, grab a snack, stay outside, and maybe do a little homework," said Brewer.

But for those who held jobs and heavy extracurricular schedules, a special effort had to be made to catch rays.

"Since I work 25 hours a week in Jennie Edmunson's accounting department, finding time to go outside is difficult. Even though I leave school at 12:30 every day, on one particular day I called into work sick, and felt no guilt lying in my lawn chair for four hours!" said Heidi Hostetter '87.



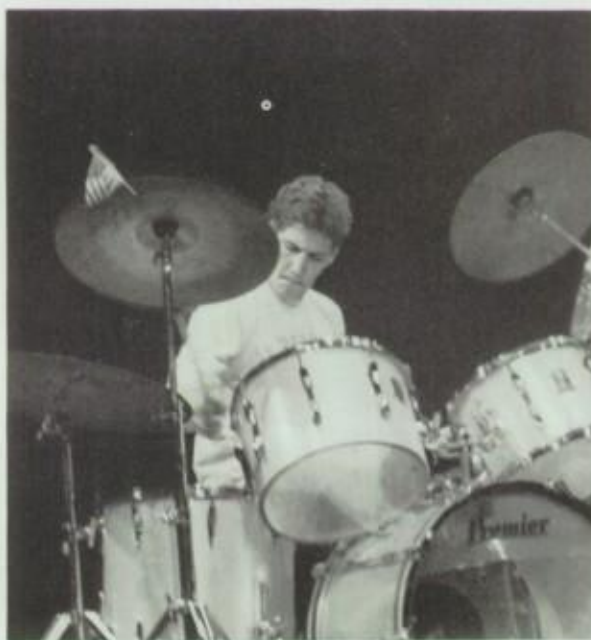
COOLING DOWN after a hot day in school, Bob Drummond and Mark Flickinger ride double on Bob's Honda through the parking lot.

ENJOY THAT BEAT! When the oldie but goodie, "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" starts to spin, Melody Massih, Craig Faust, and Melanie Lovstad bop with enthusiasm.

FOR OUR ENTERTAINMENT. To the tune of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", instructor Roger Pearson shakes it at Post Prom.



WHAT A WORKOUT! Even with sweat dripping down their faces, Ellen Rounds and Chris Henry keep on swingin' to a fast dance at Prom.



KEEPIN' RHYTHM for his band, "Spiracy," Barry Wilson gets serious during a performance of "Come On and Love Me" at the Abe Lynx Follies.

TAKE IT QUICK! Photographer Kim Brouse makes Mike Clark and Mary Gard picture-perfect at Prom.



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When students weren't engrossed in making plans for Prom, they were looking forward to moments out of class, and April was a month of many.

On April 7, the Air Force Band rocked the roof off the gym with its modern sound during an assembly. The very next day, students blew the roof off the auditorium with applause for the Abe Lynx Follies.

Acts such as Chopsticks, The Pet Shop, The Movies, and Philippe's Diner had the audience rolling in the aisles, but the audience really started rocking when Zetta Brown '87, Jeanette Mitchell '90, Vergarie Sanford '87, and Barbara Sandford '90, started groovin' to Janet Jackson's number one hit, "Control."

"We've always had a lot of dancers, but never quite like them!" said Chris Henry '87. "They were so energetic and had sharp moves. The audience wasn't watching the clock; they were moving with the music!"

The rest of the month was spent clock watching as Prom night got closer and closer.

When the big night finally arrived, students were busy making last minute preparations, right down to the finest detail.

When all the boutonnieres were pinned, all the camera-happy moms satisfied with the millions of pictures taken, couples were off to that romantic dinner and a night to remember.

After students walked through a forest

of multi-colored balloons and followed a trail of musical notes and stardust glitter, they entered the ballroom through a paper-mâché jukebox, ready to boogie to the tunes from All-American Music Shows.

For those who didn't enjoy dancing, Prom night had much more to offer.

Instead of spending 40 bucks for a motel room and/or drinks, couples could spend \$2 for an evening in "Las Vegas" — AL style, and bet, bargain, win, and lose in carnival games, raffles, casinos, and auctions at the Post Prom Party.

With the Booster Club raising \$2271 and a benefit basketball game between the Caucasian Invasion and the Z-92 All Stars raising \$1200, the Booster Club was able to spoil the 457 students who attended with grandiose prizes such as a compact disc player, a VCR, a Buick Regal, and various nights out on the town, all expenses paid.

Rudy Scherzinger '87, stayed the entire length of Post Prom, collecting enough play money to spend at the auction, and he went home with a new VCR and dinner for two at Spaghetti Works.

"I went with a bunch of my friends and spent most of the time in the casino or eating," said Scherzinger. "We were having so much fun, I wish the night would have lasted forever! Heck, I was still in the dancing mood from Prom!"

ENRAPTURED BY THE MOMENT during the theme song, "Stand By Me," Steve Brockman gets closer to date Jennifer Sherman.



STEREO OR T.V.? Undecided on what to do in their rented limo, Scott Widtfeldt and Heather Proctor tune the stereo while Larry Stover and Susan Schumacher find a T.V. station.

PROUD PERSONS OF THE PROM. Court members Laurie Milford, Shelly Brooks, Queen Penny Pearson, Lisa Wilson, Andrea Darveaux, Joe Mass, Guy Whitman, King Mike Feller, Mike Clark, and John Larsen pose for pictures.





A sign of
the times —
Party!

In planning for their graduations, seniors had no doubt as to what they would be doing after the ceremony June 2.

But when thought turned to open houses, confusion was a common emotion.

"I couldn't really decide whether or not to have one," said Stephanie Hilty '87. "I finally did, but I really wanted to go to other people's open houses instead of hanging around at mine all day."

Some seniors chose not to have an open house at all.

"I didn't want the hassle of having to plan an open house, and I thought it would be boring," said Beth Miller '87. "So I decided not to have one."

Whether they chose to have an open house or not, seniors knew what they were going to do graduation night.

"I plan on having the wildest, wackiest party night I have ever had in my entire life," said Craig Stueve '87, and with this plan, most seniors concurred.



OPEN FOR A CELEBRATION. Debbie Dykeman and her mother, Bev, make the final preparations for Debbie's open house following baccalaureate Sunday, May 31.

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May events ease students into summer, and seniors make June 2 the object of their day-by-day ...

Countdown

"Twenty-one ... twenty-two ... twenty-three! Twenty-three days left of school!" exclaimed Kelly Yost '87, as she dreamily marked the days off on her pocket calendar.

The last weeks of school found many students counting the days, and for the Class of '87, "senioritis" had struck.

"It was hard to concentrate on school," said Jeff Matter '87. "I didn't want to do any of my homework."

But while visions of summer threatened to catch many seniors with their heads in the clouds, activities of school's final month and preparations for graduation kept their feet firmly on the ground.

Pride Week, held May 11 through 16, brought "Pride in Iowa Beaches" day, and on Friday evening, students flocked to the track to participate in the student council-sponsored Hawaiian luau.

Dressed in their brightest summer attire, students were in a festive spirit as they danced to live music, played sand-volleyball, and went from booth to booth trying for prizes.

"I liked playing all the games at the booths," said Jay Butterbaugh '90. "I won six prizes at just one booth."

On May 21, seniors attended a ceremony where they officially dedicated their

A REAL CLASS ACT, Senior Class that is. Nancy Runions jokes around with Jolie Schmoker before the commencement ceremony begins.

gift of a protective glass casing for Abraham Lincoln's statue. Then they converged on the cafeteria for a senior signing party.

"The signing party was fun, and the glass casing for Lincoln's statue was a good idea," said Paulette Farber '87. "Now, no one can take his head off."

Finally, June 2 arrived, and seniors clad in caps and gowns marched two by two into the big gym.

Tears fell as the class listened to swing choir sing "Maybe Someday," and five seniors gave farewell speeches.

Senior boys whistled and swayed from side to side when for the third time, the microphone went dead; and laughter erupted when Jeff Hahn '87, with diploma in hand, turned a cartwheel.

After the last senior accepted her diploma, all eyes turned to executive student council president Todd Fox, who gave the long-awaited signal.

After turning their tassels to the right and tossing beer caps into the air, the Class of '87 marched out together one last time. For them, the countdown was over.



TAKING THEIR CUE FROM SENIORS, freshmen Kari Hannan and Kelsy Coppock succumb to May's lazy mood and appear not to have a care in the world as they finish up the last of their homework assignments in instructor Bill Cowan's Earth Science class.





GETTING THE LOW DOWN on graduation, Tim Anderson looks for a special angle as seniors say good-bye June 2.



WITH THE SHIRT OFF HIS BACK, Mike Abel shows Lisa Curttright and John Larsen the shorts and hightops he wore under his gown during commencement.



"CLOSE DOESN'T COUNT. It's got to be a ring-er," Cindy Voss says while Tobe Barzydlo plays a game at the luau May 15.

WITH A SIGH AND WARM EMBRACE, Don Miller and Missy Pike share a happy moment in the small gym after graduation.

AT THE NET, Traci Weaver attempts to save a high one at an after-school tennis practice. The girls' tennis team won the city championship for the third year in a row.

PREPARING TO RUN HIS 800, Dave Reed accepts the baton from John Larsen during a track practice. Larsen and Reed, along with Paul Grafelman and Barry Wilson, participated in the two-mile relay, placing first at the Trojan Relays with a time of 8:35.13.



"WE'RE NUMBER ONE!" While Suzette Nunez holds their mascot, Mona, the rest of the volleyball team shares a close moment after defeating Lewis Central in Sectionals. The team made it to sub-State before being defeated by third-ranked Sioux City North.



Getting the BEST from Sports

We knew opponents like Westside and Prep laughed at us when it came to sports; but we met the pressure head on and learned to laugh back after we gave our best to win State and sub-State berths, city championships, big meets, and individual honors.

At State, boys' cross country made both individual and team accomplishments, as Paul Grafelman '89, placed sixty-third to pace the team to a fifteenth place finish.

"We put pressure on ourselves so we could make it to State, which was our main goal," said Grafelman.

Volleyball also had an outstanding season as the girls became the winningest team in AL history, making it to sub-State and setting individual records before getting stopped by third ranked Sioux City North.

"We weren't expected to do well, but after a great season, we gained a lot of confidence," said Marsha Hoffman '88. "I was proud of the fact that I tied the school record for serving with a 98.8 percent, because when you serve, it's just you against the other team."

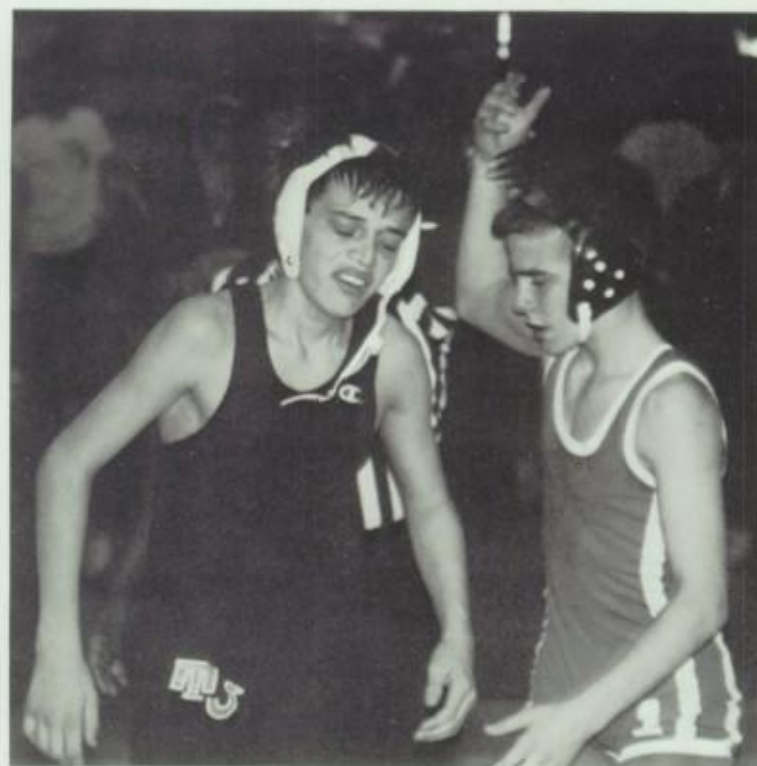
The swim team also sent four people to State. Michelle Hughes '88, placed tenth in the 200 free-style and ninth in the 500 free-style, while the 400 free-style relay team of Hughes, Jane Johnson '90, Stephany Schaben '89, and Terri Smock '90, placed twenty-fourth.

"I thought it was great that I made it to State as a freshman," said Smock, "but now I feel pressured not only to make it to State again, but to do better."

People under pressure, demanding the best from their bodies, also took both tennis teams to city championships, the wrestling team to a sixth place State finish, and boys' soccer to the Zenon Cup Semifinals.

"When my dad was in high school, he got third in State, so he has always pressured me to wrestle. We were both really excited when I got fifth at State as a freshman.

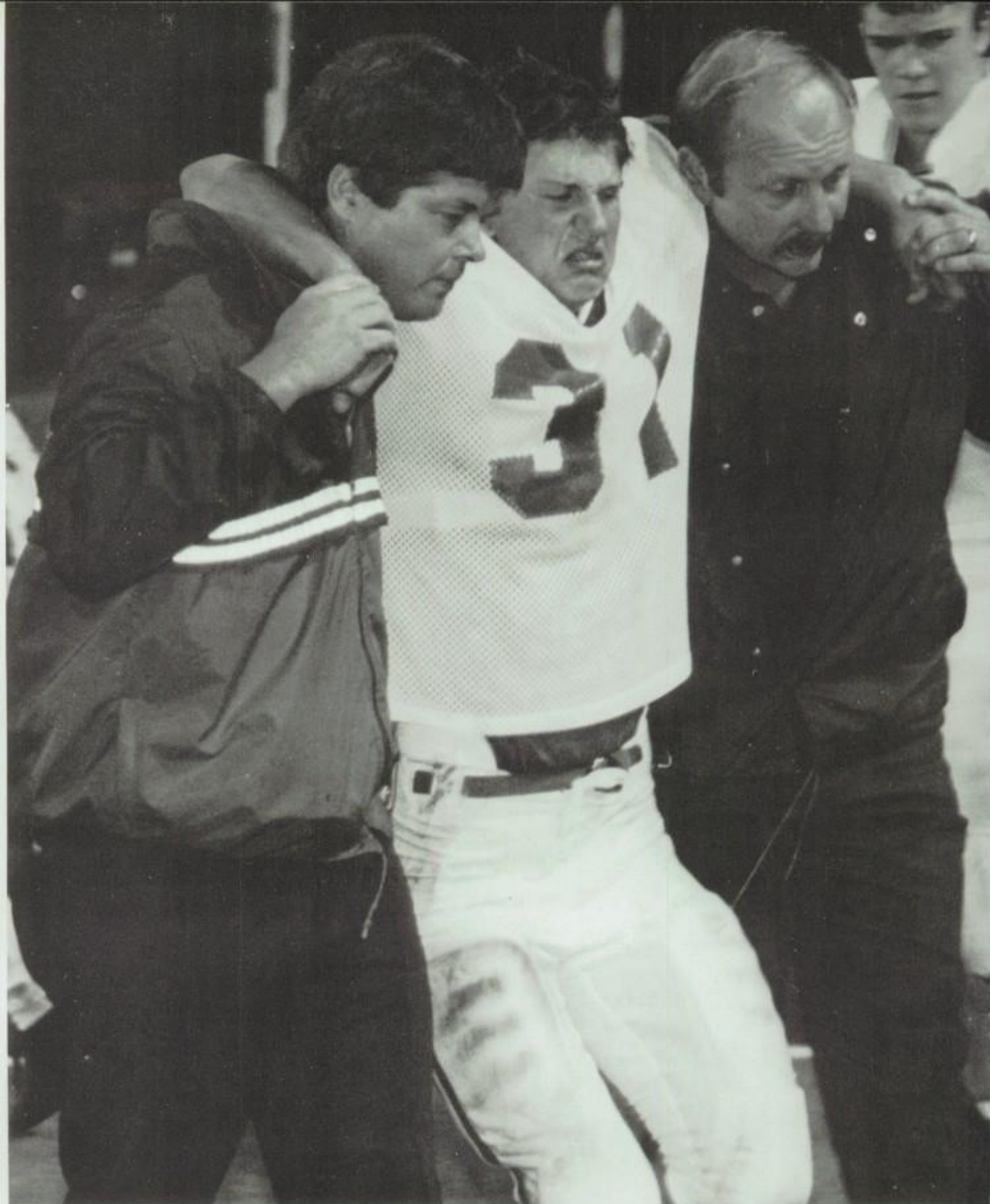
Walt Furler "



WITH A VICTORIOUSLY RAISED ARM, Walt Furler stands next to Tee Jay's Jason Jones, who he defeated at the Tee Jay dual. The wrestling team sent four people to State and placed sixth, its highest finish ever.

AGONY OF DE-FEET. Pain shows on the face of Chris Cihacek as Coaches Mike Batten and Larry Argersinger help him off the field because of a broken foot at the Lincoln Northeast game.

BREAKING AWAY. Crashing through the line, Steve Brockman fights for a first down. Central won the game, however, 56-6.



on the
sidelines
with

Chris Zimmerman



ALWAYS ON THE JOB. Chris Zimmerman and Mike Carithers give encouragement during the South game.

"Managing is very important," said Chris Zimmerman '87. "I watched every play, and if I saw something wrong, I gave them some advice."

Zimmerman played a major role at practices and games, bringing water and balls, controlling dummies, and fixing equipment.

"When we were down, he was there," said Phil Storey '87.



HELP! After making a leaping catch, Tim Knauss is slammed to the ground by Ralston's Steve Jorgensen during a JV game at home which the Lynx lost 7-19.

SCANNING THE FIELD. Rolling out, Mike Moats looks for an open receiver as Steve Brockman prepares to block incoming defenders at the Homecoming game against Central.

*With youth, injuries,
and lack of size, the Lynx
tried, but couldn't escape ...*

Blue Fridays

"This group right here realizes that anything can happen. It's a thrill some people can never feel. Every game, every play is for fun and for sayin' 'What the Hell.' So go ahead and have a hell of a good game, guys!"

The varsity team responded to that pep talk from Coach Bill Emsick with a roar of excitement before the Homecoming game against Central.

But to an observer, talking about fun on every play may have seemed ridiculous. After all, the Lynx hadn't won since Tee Jay, and the outlook on beating Central, a Metro powerhouse, was bleak.

And after four quarters of play, the outcome was a bleak 56-6 loss.

"It was one of those games," said Joe Mass '87. "We'd either sink or swim, but we had fun doin' it."

But fun came only once in a while, as the team faced many problems — problems they couldn't overcome but learned to handle.

Size was a problem from the start. Over half the teams the Lynx faced outsized them. Against South, for example, the average Lynx was three inches shorter and 20 pounds lighter. Besides, South had a running back who weighed 300 pounds.

"It should have been a blowout," said Chris Pleake '89, of the 13-6 loss. "But the coaches helped us realize that size wasn't the most im-

portant factor. If you hit a person just right in the knees, they'll fall every time."

The team also faced inexperience as it worked to replace 10 graduated seniors, including the quarterback, wide receiver, two cornerbacks, and several linemen, and had to replace most of them with juniors and sophomores.

Yet, although the Lynx had fewer seniors go out for football than ever before, the underclassmen did a surprisingly good job. Mike Moats '89, for example, played quarterback and threw a pass for the only score in the Homecoming game.

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win sum
lose sum

VARSITY FOOTBALL 1-8

	AL	OPP
Lewis Central	0	19
South	6	13
St. Albert	0	7
Lincoln NE	6	35
Tee Jay	7	0
Ralston	8	16
Central	6	56
North	3	14
Millard N.	7	35

SOPHOMORE RECORD 2-3



VARSITY AND JV FOOTBALL. FRONT ROW: David Jones, Andrea Poulos, Christie Poe, Chris Zimmerman, Phil Storey. ROW 2: James Harvey, Don Miller, Larry Argersinger, Bill Gilman, Bill Emsick, Michael Jackson, Mike Batten, Scott Herrington, Dave Feller. ROW 3: Steve Jensen, Glen Ruby, James Tijerina, John Hiffeman, Tim Knauss, Jeff Wall. ROW 4: Steve Kisby, Rob Collins, Gary Clouse, Scott Widtfeldt, Chris Pleake, Brian Young, Dan Storey, David Mays, Troy

Spencer. ROW 5: Larry Stover, John Eledge, Derek Bees, Joe Mass, Ron Porter, Steve Brockman, Bill Vandenberg, Pat Kelsey, Guy Whitman. ROW 6: Bill Engel, James Holly, Ned Greer, Mark Thompson, Mike Clark, Jerry Cundiff, Mike Patten, Mike Carithers. BACK ROW: Glen White, John Larsen, Tom Lustgraff, Dan Wolcke, Dan Johnnes, Kevin Rasmussen, Chris Cihacek, Dan Wickleman, Calvin Duis.

Blue Fridays Continued

win sum
lose sum

J.V. FOOTBALL

	1-6	
	AL	OPP
South	9	13
Millard N.	7	19
Burke	0	34
St. Albert	38	6
Ralston	7	19
Central	0	48
Westside	6	34

FRESHMAN RECORD 0-8

Due to size and inexperience, injuries plagued the team in a season when most teams suffered fewer injuries due to soft, muddy fields. More than 10 Lynx were injured, the most serious including John Eledge '89, with a broken hand; Ned Greer '88, with a broken collarbone; and Mass, with torn knee cartilage.

"Injuries affected us a lot," said Larry Stover '87. "When players were lost, it hurt the unity of the team, but we learned to adapt to new positions and new players all the time, preparing for any injury that might occur."

When Chris Cihacek '89, broke his foot in the Lincoln Northeast game, players compensated by doing extra running drills in practice.

"We sprinted up and down the field and memorized plays because any one of us could

have to go in at any time," said Kevin Rasmussen '88.

In addition to losses from injury, the Lynx lost players because of bad behavior. Seven players were kicked off the team because they were caught skipping practice for a beer party.

"They slipped up on their second chance," said Mike Abel '87. "They were warned and knew what would happen."

And just like the other problems, the team handled this one. In fact, the Lynx faced Central without five of their starters due to injury and bad behavior.

But the varsity wasn't the only team plagued by problems.

"The JV had a hard time getting things together," said Troy Scott '89. "One game, our defense would be bad, our offense good. The next game,

it would be the opposite."

The JV team finished with a 1-6 record, and the JV B-team, made up of sophomores, finished with a 2-3 record.

The freshman team suffered also, losing all of their games, finishing 0-8.

"We had a hard time getting started in the first half of the game," said Chris Doner '90. "When we went into the lockerroom, the coaches would yell at us and tell us how bad we were. We would go on the field in the second half and do worse. But as the season progressed, the coaches began praising us for what we did right, and we improved."

ALL RIGHT! Recovery of a fumble by Tim Knauss excites Joe Mass and Guy Whitman to cheer as Lewis Central's Craig Hansen, Mark VanderWoude, and Steve Smith watch.

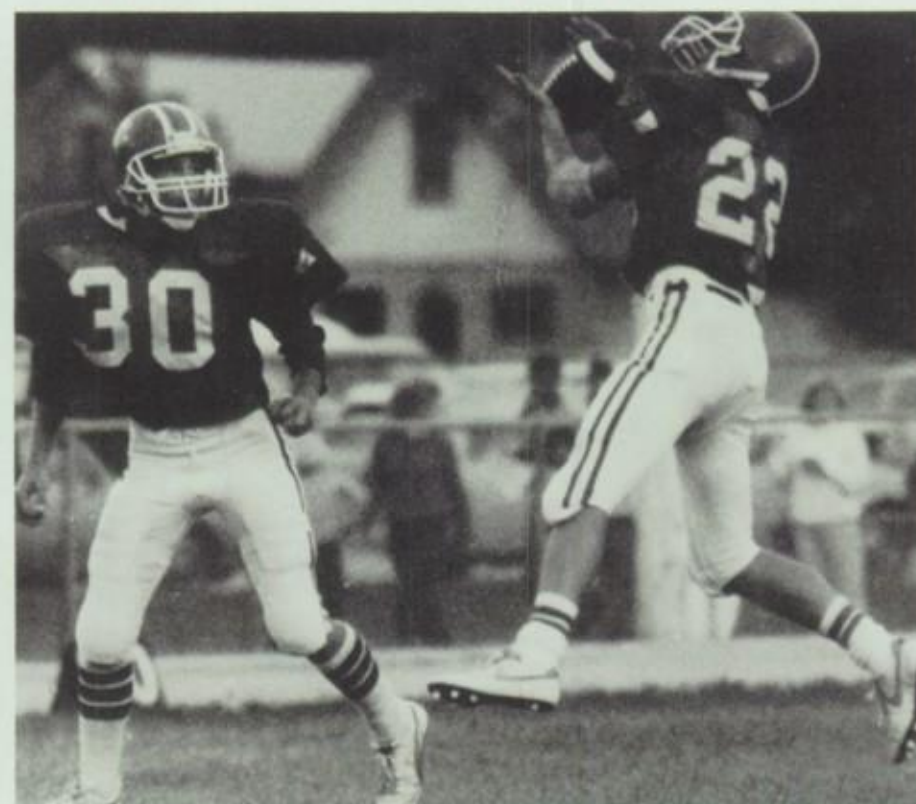


FRESHMAN AND JV-B FOOTBALL. FRONT ROW: Chad Hathaway, Mike Feirfeil, Mike Oliver, Jon Moore, Jeff Husmann, Mike Custer, Bob Shank. ROW 2: Dan Poulos, Jorge Garcia, Randy Dilley, Chris Bryson, Shad Coppock, Nick Stom, Bret Nation, Matt Brentlinger. ROW 3: Dan Fichter, Mike Graham, Todd Jones, Dave Porter, Scott Hansen, Toby Ball, Sean Cihacek, Jay Arrick. ROW 4: Walt Furler, Brent Bowman, Allen Sim-

mons, Fred Welch, Chris Sorenson, Todd Knauss, Randy Goesser, Tracy Buckles, Jeremy Wenninghoff. ROW 5: Brian Harmon, Scott Wright, Chris Marsh, Greg Larsen, Troy Scott, Rod Schultz, Tim Herrington, John Hunt, Mike Housley. BACK ROW: Mike Moats, John Eledge, Derek Bees, Matt Miller, Troy Cross, Dave Tornabane, Todd Johnson, Richard Streepy, Dale McMurray, Mike Davenport, Ian Mass.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT. While picking up steam, Steve Brockman is stopped at the line of scrimmage despite the blocking of James Tijerina during the Homecoming game.





MISERY LOVES COMPANY. Two examples of an injury prone season, Brian Young, with torn knee ligaments, and Chris Pleake, with a sprained ankle, watch practice.

WITNESS TO A BURGLARY, Rob Collins watches John Larsen intercept a pass against Ralston.

SIDELINE SUPPORT. From the bench, Tom Lustgraff cheers during the South game.

SHOPTALK. Anne Dryden and Suzette Nunez chit chat about volleyball practice during a break.



KILL! Airborne Kristi Anderson spikes the ball past Sioux City North's Racel Lewis in the regional final.

IT'S ALL EYES UP as Julie Armstrong warms up before the Tee Jay match. The JV lost to the Jackettes 3-15, 1-15.



on the
sidelines
with

Kendra Cory



TURN ME LOOSE! Kendra Cory celebrates the sectional win over Lewis Central. Cory was the only freshman to suit varsity.

"I was so proud when Miss Kyte told me I could suit varsity!" said Kendra Cory '90.

But moving to varsity could have been a big disappointment to Cory because after starting JV all season, she never played in a varsity game.

She didn't let that get her down, though.

"I learned so much by watching, it was worth not getting to play," she said.



VOLLEYBALL. FRONT ROW: Sandy Freeman, Keleigh Scherzinger, Heidi Neighbors, Debbie Fairchild, Samone Rector, Tricia Gallup, Carolyn Widtfeldt, Julie Mankin. ROW 2: Heidi Sandy, Michelle Darveaux, Andrea Darveaux, Lisa Wilson, Anne Dryden, Kendra Cory, Suzette Nunez, Kris Mauer, Kelsy Coppock. ROW 3: Barb Leber, Mary Kyte, Michelle Frick, Leah Ulmer, Julie Ka-

dereit, Vanessa Neff, Amy French, Julie Thompson, Larry Kenny, Tonya Hauser, Jaimee Miller, Paula McDaniel, Alison Brown, Nancy Lincoln. BACK ROW: Lori French, Brenda Muschall, Kristin Colyer, Julie Rhoades, Marsha Hoffman, Kristi Anderson, Jennie Thompson, Dawn White, Beth Tangeman, Clarise Jones, Kara Vergamini.





*Uncertainties fade as
confident volleyballers
uncover a penchant for ...*

Spiking back

Confidence under pressure, willingness to learn, and desire to work together — these ingredients transformed 10 girls expected to be mediocre into the winningest volleyball team in AL history.

To no one's surprise, the team which lacked height and had never played together before sea-sawed between close wins and losses early on.

But a turning point came at the Des Moines Invitational as the Lynx edged Tee Jay to win the title.

"I don't think the smile fell off my face for four days," said Coach Mary Kyte.

Only 48 hours later, the girls again showed their stuff as they faced the Jackettes at Tee Jay and trailed 7-14 in the deciding game.

"We could have rolled over and played dead," said Julie Rhoades '88, "but for some ungodly reason, we knew we could come back. All we needed was confidence."

The confidence rallied the girls to a 16-14 victory.

Willingness to learn was important to this short team. Since the tallest player after 6'3" junior Kristi Anderson was only 5'10", the team had to learn to dig up more balls hit over short blockers.

CONGRATS! After the Lewis Central sectional win, Julie Rhoades and Kristi Anderson share a hug as Jennie Tanous congratulates them.

But practice and new techniques would not have succeeded without the team's desire to work together.

"If someone got down, the team had to help get that player's confidence back," said Amy French '88.

When Sectionals approached, the team had already won the Des Moines and Tee Jay Invationals and finished third in Metro.

Ranked 14th in Iowa, AL won close matches over Harlan, Tee Jay, and Lewis Central, with only third ranked Sioux City North standing in the way of a State berth.

But winning would not be easy. The Lynx had to make a two-hour trip to Sioux City and play on North's court.

"We upset some good teams this year," said Lisa Wilson '87, "but we knew North would not be easy to beat."

The sluggish Lynx dropped the first two games, a third game rally fell short, and North won the State berth.

"Losing was indescribable, but we were proud of our achievements," said Wilson.

Those achievements included team records for 27 wins and ace spikes, blocks, and sets.

Individually, Anderson set a record of 447 ace spikes and 409 blocks with 185 aces, Dawn White, '88, had 577 ace sets, Wilson had 279 serves for points, and Marsha Hoffman served at 98.8 percent.

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lose sum

VOLLEYBALL 27-8-7

	AL	OPP
Sioux City E.	2	3
Sioux City W.	3	0
Roncalli	2	1
South	2	1
Tee Jay	3	2
Central	2	0
Atlantic	3	0
Ralston	2	0
Millard N.	0	2
North	2	0

TOURNAMENTS

Des Moines	first
Sioux City E.	fourth
Tee Jay	first
Metro	third

SECTIONALS

Harlan	3	1
Tee Jay	3	0
Lewis Central	3	1
Sioux City N.	0	3

*With a winning season
and fourth place at Districts,
the CC runners find themselves ...*

State bound

win sum
lose sum

CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS 2-0

	AL	OPP
Westside	19	44
Millard S.	20	36

GIRLS 0-2

Westside	35	19
Millard S.	37	18

INVITATIONALS

BOYS

AL	second
Lewis Central	first
Kuemper	second
Divisional	first
Harlan	first
Shenendoah	second
Mo. Valley	second
METRO	eighth
DISTRICTS	fourth
STATE	sixteenth

GIRLS

AL	fourth
Lewis Central	fifth
Kuemper	fifth
Divisional	fourth
Harlan	eighth
Shenendoah	sixth
Mo. Valley	tenth
METRO	eleventh
DISTRICTS	tenth

As Paul Grafelman '89, waited for the start of the race, adrenaline pumped through his body. Before he knew it, the gun went off and he sprinted away, dodging puddles and sloshing in mud, on his way to an eighteenth place finish at Districts.

It was a day Grafelman and his teammates had longed for all season, for District results would determine whether the team would go on to State for the first time in four years.

Finally, the announcement came. With Grafelman's eighteenth place finish and juniors Bob Drummond's sixteenth place finish and Mark Wittland's fifty-seventh place finish, the team captured a fourth place win and a State berth.

"In going to State, we reached our main pre-season goal," said Grafelman, who was consistently rated in the top ten in the state by coaches.

On the way to State, the boys managed to rack up a 4-0

dual record, championships from Lewis Central, Harlan, and divisional meets, and the honor of being rated second in southwest Iowa and tenth in Iowa.

According to Coach Mick Freeman, who was voted Regional Coach of the Year, success came due to the increase in team participation from 15 last year to 26 and to the boys' ability to run in a tight pack.

At Missouri Valley, for example, three of the five boys running finished within seconds of each other, moving other runners back and giving the team a second place win.

"In addition to keeping other runners back, running in a pack helped us work harder because we wanted to beat each other to the finish line and get a higher placing," said Wittland, who was also rated consistently in the top ten.

The girls' team, on the other hand, suffered due to size. At Metro, for example, seven of

the nine girls ran varsity, leaving only two to run JV, thus giving the Lady Lynx an incomplete JV team.

Injuries also hindered the team, with seniors Ann Kirlin and Amy Seaman out the entire season with knee problems.

"Both their injuries hurt the team," said Abby Wilmarth '89. "We knew we had to work ourselves harder to make up for their places."

The team finished the year with a dual record of 2-4 and no invitational championships.

OFF TO STATE! To prepare for State, Paul Grafelman and Tom McElroy run a last minute practice. At State, Grafelman finished sixty-third with a time of 10:52, while the team finished fifteenth. McElroy was a reserve.

FINISHED AT LAST! After running two miles at Missouri Valley, Chad Pechacek finishes fortieth in a time of 13:14, trailed by Jeff Jenkins, who finishes forty-first in a time of 13:15. The JV boys had an incomplete team, and did not place.

CROSS COUNTRY. FRONT ROW: Gregg Smith, Toni McIntosh, Misty Parker, Robb Traylor, Mindy Harmon, Matt Lee, Jeff Jenkins. ROW 2: Jim Bever, Abby Wilmarth, Troy Green, Josie Ramirez, Jay Wilson, Chris Caskey, Lisa Lee, Chad Pechacek. ROW 3: Mark Wittland, Barry Wilson, Ann Kirlin, Emily Wilmarth, Rachel Stageman, Susan Freeman, Craig Price, Coach Mick Freeman. BACK ROW: Dave Reed, Brian Arrowsmith, Bob Drummond, Tom McElroy, Jim Campbell, Paul Grafelman, Tony Hathaway.





"I'M ALMOST THERE!" With just a few feet left, Mark Wittland finishes third at the Lewis Central meet. His time of 10:41 helped lead the team to a first place victory. Ryan Bruing of Treynor came in close behind.



CLOSING IN. While Toni McIntosh approaches the finish line at Missouri Valley, Shelly Stuhl of Treynor catches up fast. McIntosh finished forty-third while Stuhl finished forty-second.

S-T-R-E-T-C-H! Preparing for the Missouri Valley meet, Toni McIntosh, Rachel Stageman, and Mindy Harmon stretch their leg muscles while they watch the start of the boys' varsity race. The girls finished fifth.



on the
sidelines
with

Gregg Smith



Although his best performance was a twelfth place finish and he didn't earn a varsity letter, Gregg Smith '89, went to every practice but one, participated in every meet, and was always there to lend moral support to the team.

"Gregg was fun to be around," said Abby Wil-

TO AVOID injuries during practice, Gregg Smith does hurdler stretches in the gym.

marth '89, "He always had a positive attitude and a sense of humor, which helped ease the tension."

Smith ended his year winning the handicap race.

Despite inexperience and injuries, the Lynx earn a sixth place State finish and become ...

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lose sum

WRESTLING 6-3

	AL	OPP
Ralston	36	23
South	24	31
Tee Jay	31	29
Lewis Central	27	33
Harlan	34	24
Sioux City E.	31	34
North	48	17
Central	60	12
Millard N.	34	22

INVATIONALS

Harlan	third
Co. Bluffs	first
Sioux City E.	third
METRO	second
DISTRICTS	second
STATE	sixth
J.V. RECORD	5-4
FRESHMAN RECORD	6-4

Mat masters

Lynx fans roared as John Hiffernan '88, stepped onto the mat in the championship round at State.

The fans cheered with good reason. They had just seen Ed Lee '88, take second, and since Hiffernan had taken second last year, things looked good. Hiffernan and his opponent battled for power, sending the match into overtime. Although Hiffernan lost, his finish allowed the Lynx to place sixth in team standings, their finest finish ever.

"We hadn't planned on being in the team chase," said Hiffernan, "and sixth was great since we had only four wrestlers there."

The season's beginning was as thrilling as its ending, with the Lynx stomping Central 60-12.

"It felt really good to win that first duel," said Tim Knauss '88. "Going in there, I thought we'd win it."

But after that duel, too few seniors and too many injuries robbed the 6-3 team of the winning streak it needed to match the perfect record of three of the last five teams.

With few seniors, the Lynx often had to forfeit matches against heavyweights. Against South, for example, the team lacked two wrestlers, resulting in a 31-34 loss.

The lack of older, bigger

wrestlers was also felt in practice.

"You need experienced wrestlers younger guys can wrestle against to learn what to expect," said Allen.

Injuries created another problem, with 20 boys out during the season. Against Sioux City East, for example, the Lynx lost 34-31 because three boys were out.

Yet, inexperience and injuries couldn't keep these mat masters from placing sixth in the state.

STRUGGLING FOR THE UPPER HAND, Ed Lee tries to tip LC's Jason Humelohek. Lee won, pinning Humelohek.



WRESTLING. FRONT ROW: Nick Stom, Scott Hansen, Dan Poulos, Tony Hathaway, Tom Tobias, Wait Furler, Jeff Husmann. ROW 2: Cindy Juel, Tim Knauss, Anthony Welsh, John Eledge, Jeff Griffis, Chris Pleake, Jason Christensen,

Jon Moore, Dawn White. BACK ROW: Clark Allen, John Hiffernan, Kevin Wright, Randy Goesser, Jeff Coppock, Shane Beaman, Martin Killion, Dennis Koch, Ron Lakatos, Christie Poe.



AT SENIOR NIGHT, Shane Beaman accepts a gift from his mother, Carol.

IN CONTROL, John Hiffernan holds Tee Jay's John Robinson to the mat, winning the match.



on the
sidelines
with

Arturo Adams



PIN HIM! At the Metro meet, Arturo Adams cheers on a teammate.

At every match, Arturo Adams '89, exploded with excitement.

"He was always there," said Troy Scott '89. "His spirit really helped us."

While helping others, Adams also improved.

"Everytime I went out, I'd get third," said Adams. "But this year, I won at Harlan. It felt great."

HEAVE, HO! Preparing for the Metro Tournament, members of the wrestling team carry a mat from the cafe to the gym.



With defeats after every victory, an inconsistent team suffers a rocky season of ...

A JOB WELL DONE! An exhausted Kevin Nixon, Matt Johnson, and B.J. Coburn congratulate each other after Nixon shoots a two-pointer against Millard North.

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lose sum

BOYS' BASKETBALL 8-12

	AL	OPP
Lewis Central	54	65
Papillion	40	42
Bryan	56	66
Tee Jay	62	40
Bellevue E.	53	57
Bellevue E.	62	48
Prep	35	59
Westside	26	48
St. Albert	50	46
North	57	44
Central	47	58
Northwest	70	68
South	52	66
Prep	45	61
Ralston	63	54
Harlan	43	52
Millard N.	53	54
Tee Jay	68	41
Benson	75	58
DISTRICTS	44	56
JV RECORD		3-10
SOPHOMORE RECORD		8-0
FRESHMAN RECORD		5-10

Ups 'n' downs

First half hopes evaporated into second half blues as AL went cold in a crushing 59-35 defeat to Creighton Prep in the Metro Holiday Tournament.

Hopes had abounded for the Lynx as they trailed Prep by only seven points in the first half, but after the half, Prep outscored AL 33-16, and the Lynx shot a chilly 38 percent from the field.

This game was but one example of how the varsity boys' basketball season went.

With an 8-12 record, the Lynx endured a crushing defeat for every victory.

A typical weekend occurred during the middle of the season when AL played two games against ranked teams.

After a crushing 26-48 defeat to the first game Friday against third-ranked Westside, the Lynx came back Saturday to defeat tenth-ranked

undefeated St. Albert, 50-46.

"The St. Albert game was a big win for us," said Coach Phil Nielsen. "The key was our switch to a man-to-man defense and better rebounding in the second half."

But weeks later, when the teams played Harlan in Districts, such winning strategies were nowhere to be found as the Lynx lost, 44-56.

Basically, it was a season in which players found consolation in playing close games against top ranked teams.

"In a couple of close games, we played well enough to lose by just a little," said Scott Nielsen '87. "Millard North was ranked fifth in Nebraska and we lost by just one point in the final seconds. We felt a little down because we had the chance to prove ourselves, but things just went wrong."

The JV team suffered far

more ups and downs, achieving a record of 3-12.

One problem the team faced was turnovers.

"In one game we had 30 turnovers, and a lot of them ended up in points for the other team," said Jeff Hays '89.

The team also battled the mixing of sophomores and juniors, resulting in several different skill levels.

"The loss of the sophomore athletic program made it very tough on the team," said Coach Mike Forbes, "and it was hard for the team to work together."

WITH THE GRACE OF A SWAN, Tony Gift, who had a rebound percentage of 66, recovers a rebound from Prep's Kevin Burnett.

CAUGHT AT LAST. Tracy Hauser jumps up and grabs the ball away from opposing Bryan players. Hauser played 80 quarters during the season, and made 50 percent of his rebounds.



BOYS' BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW: Tony Gift, John Larsen, Jeff Lapel, Dave Daugherty, B.J. Coburn, Scott Nielsen, Mark Royer. ROW 2: Tracy Hauser, Chuck Milner, Kevin Nixon, Chris Zimmerman, Matt Johnson, Mike Patten, Eric Hubbert. ROW 3: Brian Mains, Rob Goodman, Rick Vandenberg, Ron Porter, Dale Messerly, Jeff Hays, Jeff Montgomery. BACK ROW: David

Jones, Dave Tornabane, Todd Johnson, Tab Badgett, Matt Miller, Jim Schlemmer, Darren DeRoos.

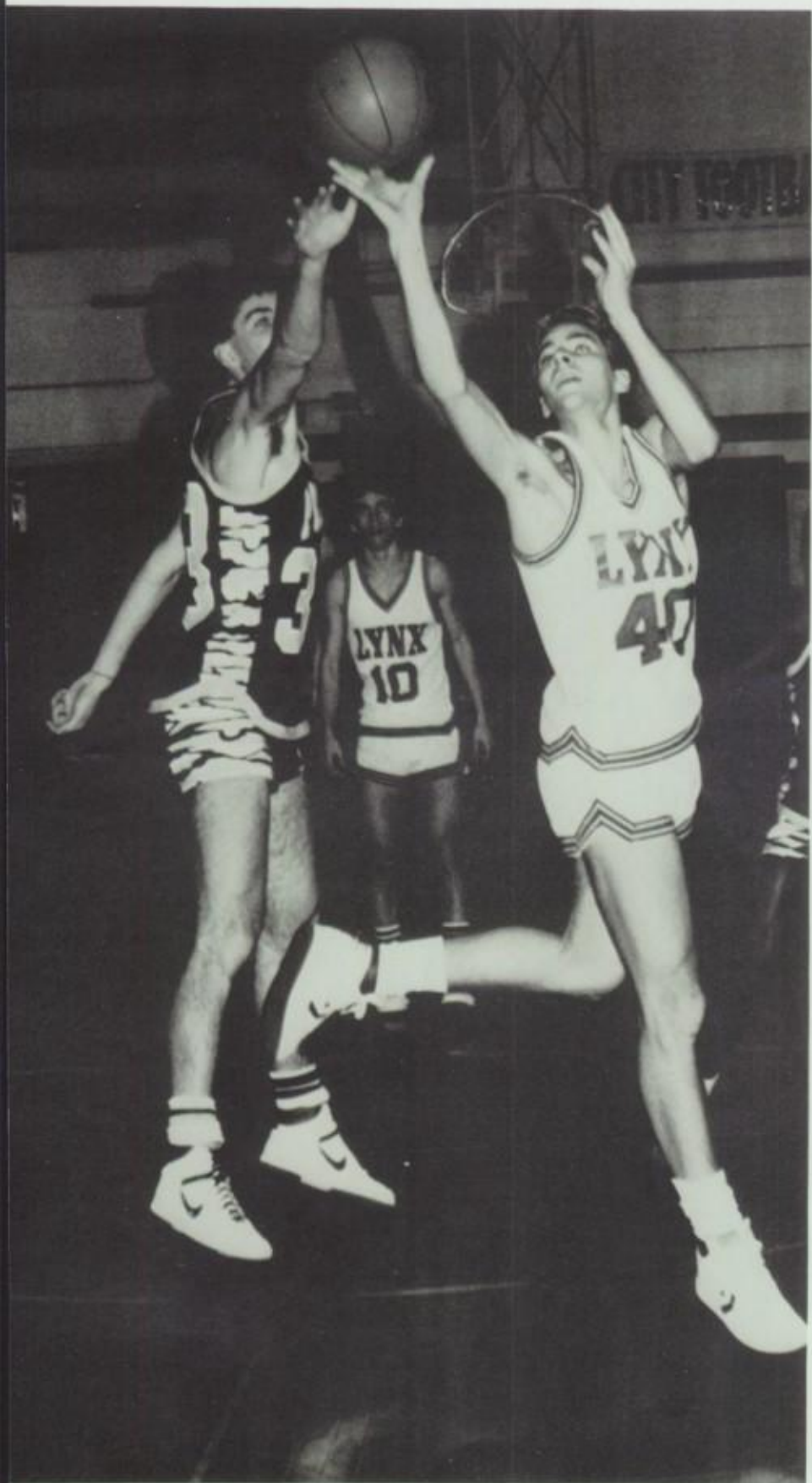
TIP OFF! Center Kevin Nixon, the tallest Lynx at 6'7", jumps against Jeff Rau of Harlan.





HIGH FLYIN'. Wide-open Ned Greer swishes two points to help lead the Lynx to a 52-49 victory over the North JV.

INJURED LYNX. Scott Nielsen sits on the sidelines during the Ralston game as manager David Jones puts ice on his swollen ankle as Mike Patten looks on.



on the
sidelines
with

Mark Royer

With less than a minute left in the Creighton game, Mark Royer '87, made the shot of his life.

"I shot a three-pointer," said Royer. "I still can't believe it. The crowd gave me a standing ovation."

But, despite that shot, Royer mostly sat on the bench.

"I've played basketball all my life," he said. "I just can't pull away from it although I only get to play when we have a big lead or don't have a chance."



WAITING TO PLAY against Harlan, Mark Royer listens to Coach Phil Nielsen's plays to find out what he must do on the court.

GOING FOR THE SLAM, Kristi Anderson stuffs Dawn Tallman while Lisa Wilson watches during the Tee Jay game.

on the
sidelines
with

Lisa Koenig

"You can do it!" screamed Lisa Koenig '89, as she watched the team from the sidelines.

Koenig won the Outstanding Sportsmanship award for the junior varsity because of her willingness to help other players, like Ellen Rounds '88.

"I didn't go out for basketball for two years, and I felt like an outsider," said Rounds. "But Lisa showed me the plays and didn't get frustrated when I didn't understand. She made me feel like part of the team."

According to teammates, Koenig didn't let interteam competition stop her from encouraging others.



"COME ON, LYNX!" Lisa Koenig shouts as she encourages the JV as they battle against South.

"Even though we played the same position, she always tried to make me be better," said Rounds. "To me, she was like vitamins because she kept me going."



GIRLS' BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW: Suzette Nunez, Toni McIntosh, Anne Dryden, Sandy Freeman, Lori French, Carrie Harris, Jeanette Mitchell. ROW 2: Traci Weaver, Michelle Frick, Lisa Koenig, Lisa Wilson, Kendra Cory, Kim Shipley, Barbie Paulson, Shelly Leeper. BACK ROW: Michelle Stone, Beth Tangeman, Kristi Anderson, Ellen Rounds, Marsha Hoffman, Barb Roth, Angela Koenig.

"THIS BEATS PRACTICE!" says Michelle Stone as she digs into her salad at the annual girls' basketball banquet held at Pizza King.



Hampered by illness and injuries, the Lady Lynx always seem to play on a ...

Cursed court

Although diagnosis of the disease was tough, the symptoms were obvious, with turnovers, absence of the starting center, injuries, and full court pressure pains the most severe.

Unfortunately, the problem plagued Lady Lynx couldn't find a cure and ended the season with a 10-11 record.

The plague hit hardest against Northwest. Second team all-stater, Kristi Anderson '88, was out due to a sprained ankle; senior Lisa Wilson was benched due to a leg injury in the first two minutes of the game; and the team suffered from a severe case of the chills when no one player was able to get hot on the offensive end of the court.

The fever continued until the

buzzer sounded and the scoreboard showed a devastating 52-17 defeat.

During the season, team members missed 54 quarters on account of sickness and injury.

"It seemed like the same five people never practiced together at the same time because someone was hurt or sick," said Marsha Hoffman '88. "During games it showed when we made unnecessary turnovers because we weren't relaxed."

Despite their problems, the team generated some impressive statistics, setting new team records in varsity field goal percentage for a game, field goal percentage for the season, total rebounds in a game, and total blocked shots

for the season. In addition, Anderson broke nine individual records.

The junior varsity slipped by on top with a record of 9-8.

"It seemed like everyone supported each other and stuck together really well this year," said Michelle Frick '89. "If we put our minds to it, we usually won, or at least had a close game."

The freshmen also managed to come out on top with a record of 8-7.

"The highlight of our season was when we played Saint Albert for the second time," said Lori French '90. "They beat us by 30 points the first time we played them, and at the end of the season we came back and beat them by 15 or 20 points."

win sum
lose sum

GIRLS' BASKETBALL 10-11

	AL	OPP
Glenwood		
Jamobree	27	19
Heelan	23	56
St. Albert	54	59
Tee Jay	52	27
Papillion	51	49
Bryan	52	43
Sioux City E.	50	63
Benson	49	52
Bellevue E.	49	33
Northwest	41	44
South	63	53
Westside	29	60
Tee Jay	46	38
North	44	39
Central	41	59
Northwest	17	52
South	54	47
Marian	40	46
Ralston	54	32
Millard N.	45	57
SECTIONALS	56	32
REGIONALS	47	70
JV RECORD		9-8
FRESHMAN RECORD		8-7



WATERGIRL isn't Toni McIntosh's starting position, but she helps the varsity by refilling water glasses at the Ralston game.

LOOKIN' FOR AN ESCAPE ROUTE against Marian's Laura Walsh and Missy Starman, Lisa Wilson tries to pass.



SHAPING UP. Traci Weaver, Suzette Nunez, Anne Dryden, and Toni McIntosh do aerobics before practice to condition for a tough season.

With workouts, water drills, broken records, and a State berth, swim team makes ...

A big splash

win sum
lose sum

SWIMMING BOYS 8-3

	AL	OPP
South	107	45
Brownell-		
Talbot	110	25
Ralston	78	84
Tee Jay	83	81
Benson	111	44
Bellevue E.	34	49
Gross	58	23
Millard N.	47	118
Roncalli	60	10
Central	42	40
North	103	44
METRO		eleventh

GIRLS 9-2

	AL	OPP
South	93	57
Brownell-		
Talbot	87	60
Ralston	59	106
Tee Jay	99	57
Benson	98	59
Bellevue E.	46	36
Gross	43	39
Millard N.	47	119
Roncalli	63	9
Central	45	36
North	69	37
METRO		eighth

Mirror, Mirror on the wall ... Who worked the hardest of them all?

Who swam hundreds of laps a day?

Who had to improve before they could play?

Why the boys' and girls' swim teams, of course.

For the girls, hard workouts consisted of 200 laps and bizarre water drills.

"Sometimes we used surgical tubes tied around our waists, said Amy Fenner '88, "and tried to swim up the other end of the pool with them pulling us the opposite way."

"It was hilarious at times because we'd be two inches from the wall kicking as fast as we could. We'd look at the next lane and burst out laughing, and get sucked to the other end of the pool where we had to start all over again."

"I always wore at least

three pairs of shorts to create resistance," said James Johnson '87. "This cut time because without the drag, you felt and went faster."

Coach John Galloway timed the boys daily to gauge their improvement.

"By timing everything but kicks, I was able to determine how hard they were working, if they were loafing, or if they needed a stroke adjustment," said Galloway.

Under Galloway's scrutiny, most boys cut 10 to 15 seconds from their times, and several broke school records. Gary Clouse '87, broke his own 100-meter backstroke and the 50-meter freestyle records. Johnson broke the 100-meter freestyle, while the 400-meter freestyle team of Mike Abel '87, Mike Kinney '87, Clouse, and Johnson set a new mark.

Beating Tee Jay was the

boys' most memorable meet.

"We won because of our depth, which included eight returning lettermen and several newcomers," said Galloway.

The 8-3 Lady Lynx enjoyed even more success by sending four swimmers to State. Michelle Hughes '88, finished ninth in the 500 and tenth in the 200-meter freestyles. The 400-meter freestyle relay team of Terri Smock '90, Jane Johnson '90, Steph Schaben '89, and Hughes placed twenty-fourth.

"It's quite an accomplishment to qualify for State," said Coach Mike Hale. "The girls practiced hard and improved all season."

WITH FISTS CLINCHED, Kelly Bates concentrates on her diving form. Bates finished eighth at the C.B. Invite.



SWIMMING. FRONT ROW: Kelly Bates, Stacey McKeever, Caryn Putnam, Krissy Love, Terri Smock, Keleigh Scherzinger, Jane Johnson, Amy Fenner. ROW 2: Cathy Hurley, Stephanie Schaben, Sherri Baxley, Chris Reed, Kathy Yeoman, Michelle Hughes, Tracy Corwin, Tracy Anderson.

ROW 3: Brian Schulenburg, Bill Soliazzo, Jeff Kenkel, Scott Widtfeldt, Dan Prichard, Gabe Hetrick, Jeff Kinney. BACK ROW: Corey Ranslem, Todd Jones, Mike Kinney, Gary Clouse.

FLIPPERS AND NYLONS create drag for Keleigh Scherzinger and Amy Fenner, who work to cut times.





on the
sidelines
with

Krissy Love

Groaning and grumbling as she slipped through the Kirn Pool door, Krissy Love '89, was tired but inspired after her first AL swim practice.

"At first, practice was tiring, but I worked to improve so I wouldn't look like a beginner," said Love.

Love closed her season out by placing first in the 100-meter freestyle and second in the 100-meter backstroke in her class at Metro.



SWIM TIME. To give her fellow swimmers a hand, Krissy Love times at the Lewis Central boys' meet.



TAKING A DEEP BREATH helps Bill Sollazzo as he practices freestyle strokes before City. Sollazzo placed fourth in the 500-meter freestyle.

EXHAUSTED AFTER A CLOSE RACE, Jeff Kinney catches his breath by leaning on a starting block at practice.

TIME FOR PLAY. Jim Grandick and Kurt Kimball relax from the rigors of practice at Kirn Pool.

Due to over confidence, massive amounts of rain, and high scores, Lynx golfers become ...

win sum
lose sum

GOLF BOYS 5-2		
	AL	OPP
North	151	131
Bryan	131	145
South	169	194
Ralston	164	153
Millard N.	169	165
Central	159	160
Oakland	171	191

TOURNAMENTS		
C.B.		first
Lewis Central		second
City		third
DISTRICTS		third

GIRLS 4-2		
South	216	274
Duschene	233	200
Millard N.	182	216
Central	227	232
North	171	190
Tee Jay	215	246

FALL RECORD		
		4-4
TOURNAMENTS		
AL		fifth
Tee Jay		third
City		first
DISTRICTS		third

Pooped putters

Visions of the State Tournament danced in their heads, but the fairy tale was soon to end.

After the girls' golfers amassed a 4-2 record, they looked as if they were going to have one of their best seasons ever.

After beating second place Lewis Central by 30 strokes and finishing with a round of 403, their lowest in seven years, the Lynx won the City Tournament and felt sure they could take Sectionals.

"I couldn't believe how we played," said Kelly McKeown '88. "If we would have kept playing that way, there wouldn't have been a team in the district that could have beaten us."

But things soon changed.

"I felt the girls had the ability to go to State, but our luck changed just before Dis-

tricts," said Coach Dave Brown. "The girls seemed over-confident, had conflicting interests, and missed practice before Sectionals."

To make things worse, one of the top players was suspended for missing practice, and during the Sectional match, Gretta Zimmerman '89, walked off the green in frustration, disqualified from further play.

"We should have gone to Regionals," said Michelle Stone '88, "but by the way we played, we got what we deserved."

Inconsistency was the word that summed up the guys' season. Coach Phil Nielsen said other coaches would have been happy with a 5-2 record, but the Lynx have always managed to do better.

"One day I can shoot a 78, and the next day I'll shoot a

92," said Scott Nielsen '87. "It's been that way for all of us. It's been discouraging."

Yet Coach Nielsen said this team was just as good as any other team he'd had.

"This was a group of guys with a lot of experience," said Nielsen. "Scott and Doug (Gray '87) were four-year lettermen, and Chris (Chambers '87) and Bob (Kill '87) were three-year lettermen. They had a lot of talent because they played all summer, which naturally made them better golfers."

Knowing their abilities made their failures even harder for the guys to accept.

"This hasn't been a good year for AL golf," said Mike Housley '89. "Usually AL will place in the Metro and is one of the best in southwest Iowa, but this year we just fell apart."



BURGER KING TWINS Heather Proctor and Brenda Walker load their clubs after a quick bite to eat and head for Westwood Park.



GOLF. FRONT ROW: Mary Abbott, Greta Zimmerman, Michelle Stone, Kelly McKeown, Heather Proctor, Brenda Walker. **ROW 2:** Jodi Anderson, Greg Larsen, Russel Quigley, Lisa Menuay, Pam Lauden. **ROW 3:** Mike Neely, Jon Moore, Bill Zimmerman, Scott Widtfeldt, Shad Coppock, Dan Miller. **ROW 4:** Scott Nielsen,

Nate Jungman, Bob Kill, Jim Mathisen, Mike Housley. **ROW 5:** Jeff Matter, Chris Holton, Trede Tawzer, Mike Custer, Rob Heltman. **BACK ROW:** Doug Gray, Jeff Coppock, Chris Chambers, Jim Schlemmer, James Hatcher, Jeremy Thielen.



WHAT A SHOT! While waiting his turn, Mike Housley watches Scott Nielsen putt at practice. The duo was preparing for an upcoming match against Tee Jay.



FURIOUS about a bad score, James Hatcher raises his club in frustration at Westwood. Hatcher said when his score got too high, he quit counting and made something up.

PERFECT PUTTING is Pam Lauden's goal during this practice at Westwood. One of the best putters, Lauden was the only senior girl out for golf.

FORE! Kelly McKeown practices putting in her backyard to prepare for Sectionals.



on the
sidelines
with

Lisa Menuey

From 65 to 55 wasn't a speed limit change — it was the goal Lisa Menuey '88, set for herself and reached during the season.

"At first I felt intimidated by other golfers because they were so much better than I was," said Menuey. "But the more I was around, I felt more relaxed and my scores improved dramatically."

Even though it was Menuey's first year on the golf team, she exceeded the goals Coach Dave Brown had set for her.

"Mr. Brown wanted me to get a 125 on 18 holes, and got a 120," said Men-

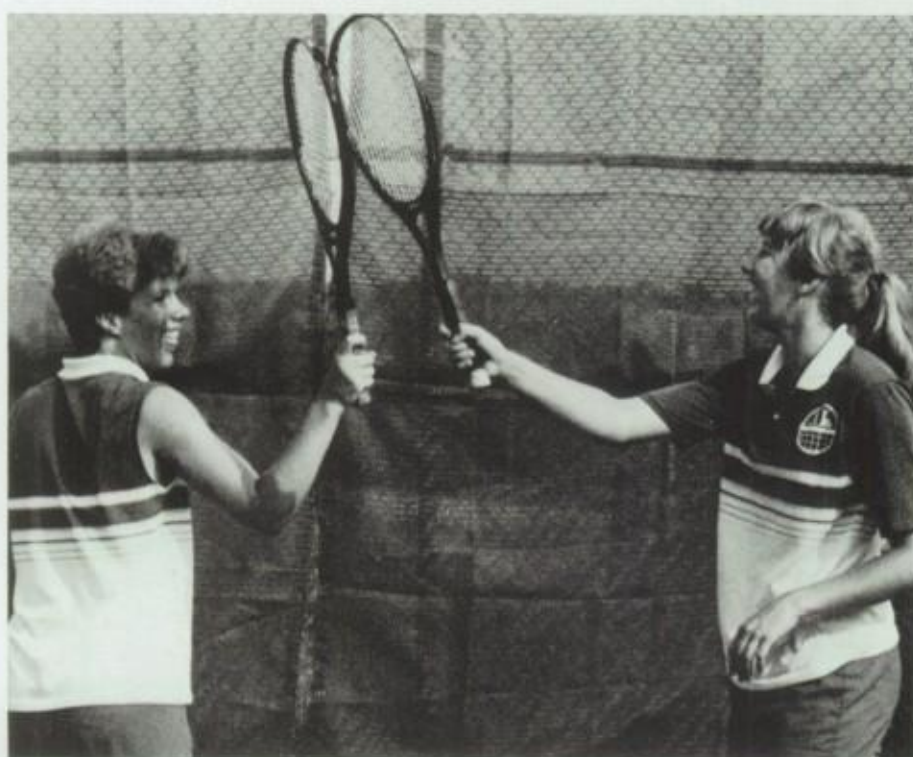
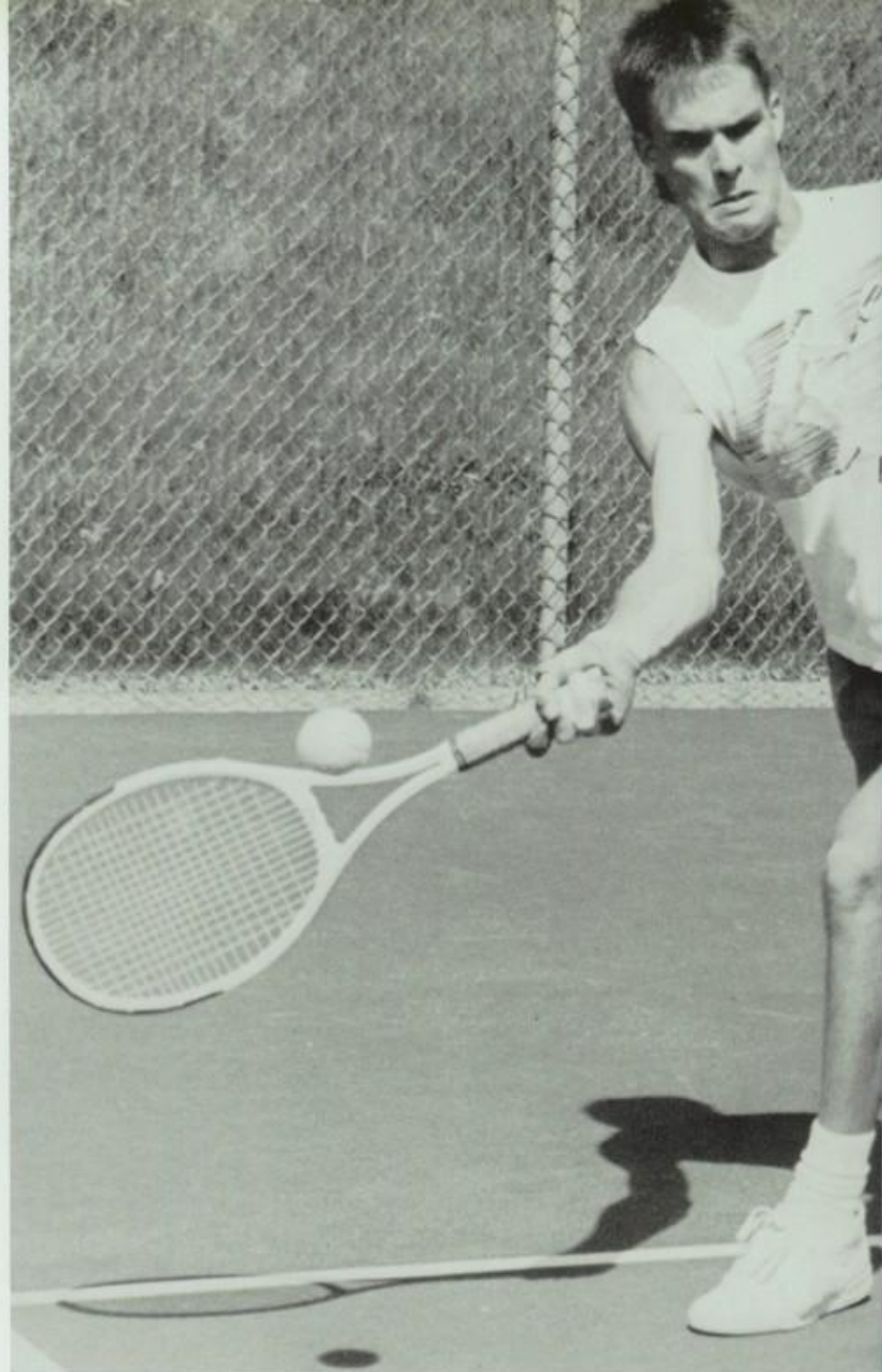


SCRUB A DUB DUB. Lisa Menuey washes her clubs at home after golfing with her father at Lakeshore Country Club.

uey. "I know it wasn't a great score, but I surprised myself. I was proud to have improved so much."

FOLLOWING THROUGH on a winning shot helps Rob Thomas at practice. Thomas won the #4 singles at City.

HIGH FIVE, RACQUET-STYLE. Doubles partners Dawn White and Marsha Hoffman congratulate each other after their 7-5, 6-0 upset victory over Carroll Kuemper at Sectionals.



TENNIS. FRONT ROW: Stacey Saunders, Carolyn Widtfeldt, Shawn Brooks, Christie Poe, Jane Johnson, Dorrie Miller, Susan Weidner, Tricia Gallup. **ROW 2:** Pat Leu, Mike Cooper, Rachel Nelson, Brenda Castillo, Heidi Sandy, Tracy

Kesterson, Alison Brown. **ROW 3:** Tim Blair, Scott Downing, Kim Will, Cindy Voss, Traci Weaver, Sheryl Clark, Tena Nelson. **BACK ROW:** Scott Sanders, Jeff Hays, Dawn White, Marsha Hoffman, Lori French, Michelle Frick.

on the
sidelines
with

Traci Weaver

As she slinked through the back hallway to the small gym on the first day of practice, beads of sweat formed on the brow of Traci Weaver '88.

"I was so nervous before my first tennis practice I was running around like a crazy person," Weaver said. "My goal was to make JV, but I was afraid I wouldn't."

But Weaver's nervousness was for naught as her determination earned her a part-time varsity position.

"I was so proud of Traci. She's improved so much



GO LYNX! First-year player Traci Weaver cheers on her teammates at the City Tournament.

since we started practicing in the pre-season," said Michelle Frick '89, "and she supported us at every match and practice."



*Netters escape wet weather,
post winning records, and
claim city crowns with a ...*

Thunderstroke

WITH MUSCLES CLINCHED, Chris Drustup uses all of his strength to nail a forehand at practice.

No one could fool Mother Nature, but by patiently waiting for wacky spring weather to improve, the tennis teams smashed their way to winning seasons.

Spring showers delayed or postponed several matches and practices, but the effect on the boys' team was surprising.

"Even though we missed so many practices," said Coach Mike Forbes, "the boys actually played better without them."

A bleak outlook awaited the Lady Lynx until a new coach, Diane Anderson, was hired just a week before the season started to replace Cathy Crawl, who resigned.

"We were worried we wouldn't have a coach at all," said Dawn White '88, "and we knew it would be hard getting used to a new coach because everyone liked Cathy Crawl so much. Fortunately, we got along great with Mrs. Anderson, who gave us her total support."

Both teams posted winning dual records with the boys going 5-3 in the fall and 7-2 in the spring, and the girls finishing 6-4 against tough Metro competition.

CONCENTRATION COUNTS as Christie Poe returns a shot against Westside. Poe won the #6 singles at City.



"I wasn't disappointed by our dual record because of our tough schedule," said Mrs. Anderson, "and I was very pleased by our City play."

Indeed, after a rainy beginning, the teams basked in the sun at City. The boys edged Saint Albert by three points to capture the championship behind singles winners Rob Thomas '87, at #4 and Kevin Malick '89, at #6. They also tallied four second places and three third place finishes to claim the title.

"I thought we might have played a little better and won by more," said Shawn Brooks '89, #1 singles runner-up, "but we thought we'd win, and it was great when we did."

The girls captured the city crown by a wider margin as Marsha Hoffman '88, and White sparked the 29-point win by taking the #3 and #4 singles, and combining to capture the #2 doubles. Other winners included Cindy Voss '87, at #1, Michelle Frick '89, at #2, and Christie Poe '88, at #6 singles. Lori French '90, was the runner-up in the #5 singles.

"My most memorable moment was our #2 doubles win against Lewis Central," said White. "We won the match despite Marsha skinning both of her knees and being nailed in the face by a ball."

Even though she did her best, Mother Nature couldn't derail the Lynx express to smashing tennis seasons.

win sum
lose sum

TENNIS BOYS 7-2

	AL	OPP
St. Albert	8	1
Tee Jay	6	3
Atlantic	6	3
Harlan	6	3
Tee Jay	3	6
St. Albert	5	4
Lewis Central	9	0
Red Oak	9	0
Kuemper	1	8

TOURNAMENTS

Sioux City	fourth
Atlantic	sixth
Council Bluffs	first
METRO	ninth

FALL RECORD 5 3

GIRLS 6-4

Papillion	4	5
Central	8	1
Tee Jay	7	2
Westside	2	7
Ralston	9	0
North	5	4
South	4	5
Millard N.	4	2
Burke	6	3
Kuemper	1	8

TOURNAMENTS

Atlantic	third
Council Bluffs	first
METRO	sixth

GIRLS' TRACK. FRONT ROW: Jani Bintz, Stacy Spidell, Andrea Darveaux, Jeanette Mitchell, Suzette Nunez, Abby Wilmarth, Kim Will, Michelle Wehrli, Stephanie Williams, Kendra Cory. ROW 2: Kim Shipley, Penny Pearson, Barb Paulson, Julie Kadereit, Lisa Wilson, Kristin Colyer, Lisa Koenig, Michelle Darveaux, Barb Roth, Sarah Schultz. BACK ROW: Tonya Hauser, Mindy Harmon, Brenda Muschall, Tammy Erwin,

AND THEY'RE OFF! Members of the girls' track team run a 400 as part of a practice which usually lasted for 90 minutes.

Kristi Anderson, Candy Kyle, Beth Tangeman, Kathy Ratashak, Kristi Gift.



on the
sidelines
with

Mike Patten

At first, Mike Patten '87, was just going to be a spectator at the Drake Relays. But when another trackster couldn't go due to disciplinary actions, Patten became a participant in the 4x100 relay, running an 11.45 second 100.

"Drake didn't feel much different than any other meet did," said Patten, "until I sat down and started thinking, 'I'm going to Drake, and not many people ever get that chance.'"



OBSTACLES EVERYWHERE. At Atlantic, Mike Patten runs the 110 high hurdles in 16.1 seconds.



SWIFTLY MOVING to a first place win at the Lewis Central Indoor, Bob Drummond runs the mile relay.

TO IMPROVE HIS TECHNIQUE, Joe Mass practices throwing the discus. Mass' best throw was 125'.



Surprising track teams reap more trophies than ever before and capture city crown while ...

Runnin' strong

After they traveled close to 600 miles and won 420 individual medals, boys' and girls' track teams lined the trophy case with ten new team trophies, their best finish in four years.

The first boys' trophy came from the Lewis Central Indoor meet, which the Lynx had felt they couldn't win going up against strong Metro teams like Ralston and Northwest.

"We knew we had the ability," said Mark Wittland '88, "but we always felt intimidated by the Omaha teams."

But those tough teams were no match for the Lynx, who captured 78 points, winning the mile relay, long jump, two-

mile run, and the 800.

Following that surprise victory, the Lynx made a clean sweep of all city meets, took three more invites, and sent seniors Mike Patten and Mike Carrithers to State.

The biggest disappointment of the season, however, was the notification that seniors Dave Reed and John Larsen missed qualifying for State by two-tenths of a second.

"It was a disappointment for those two because they had looked forward to it all season," said Coach Joe Hauser.

Like the boys, girls experienced a successful season, finishing with a 2-0 dual record and an invite championship.

"Our season was one filled with success," said Coach Mike Batten. "In all our invites but one, we placed in the up-

per division."

Most of the girls agreed that Red Oak was their most successful meet.

"At Red Oak, we didn't think we would beat Tee Jay, but we did by ten points. Before the meet, Batten got us really hyped up, which helped us to win," said Barb Roth '90.

Another success occurred when the freshman girls captured first place at Metro.

Batten attributed the team's success to senior leadership.

"This was my funnest year," said Lisa Wilson '87. "The team was close. When we were sophomores, we were treated terrible and we didn't want to treat people like that."

So with talent and leadership, the track teams ran one of their best seasons ever.

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lose sum

TRACK BOYS INVITATIONALS

Lewis Central Indoor	first
CB Relays	first
Red Oak	—
Harlan	second
Lewis Central	first
Shenandoah	third
JV Titan Relays	first
Atlantic	first
CB Special	second

GIRLS 2-0

	AL	OPP
Tee Jay	108	23
South	97	27

INVITATIONALS

CB Relays	third
Glenwood	third
Harlan	third
Lewis Central	seventh
Atlantic	fourth
Shenandoah	second
Red Oak	first
DISTRICTS	ninth

SPEED DEMON. Running a 200 at practice, Storey prepares for his next meet at Atlantic, where his relay got second.



UP AND OVER! Glen White jumps over a hugh hurdle during practice.

AIRBORNE. Tonya Hauser jumps 11'6" during a freshman dual against Tee Jay.



BOYS' TRACK. FRONT ROW: Gerry White, Dave Reed, Barry Wilson, Chris Zimmerman, John Larsen, Paul Grafelman, Tom McElroy. ROW 2: Chad Pechacek, Jay Wilson, Dan Storey, Mike Patten, Bill Engle, Phil Storey, Sean Cihacek, Graig Price. ROW 3: William Koger, Troy Swan-

son, Robb Traylor, Fred Welch, Brian Nelson, Walter Sword, Glen White. ROW 4: Rick Bierce, Bob Drummond, Joe Mass, Ron Porter, Jim Campbell, Dustin Putnam. BACK ROW: Jerry Cundiff, Dan Johannes, Scott Wright, Brian Harmon, Derek Bees, Tony Hathaway, Matt Lee.

"CROSS IT!" Todd Devereaux dribbles down field before passing the ball to teammate Tony Gift in a game against Millard North. The boys won the game 1-0, at Kirn Bloomer field.

UNDER PRESSURE FROM BEHIND, Tony Gift tries to turn the ball up field in a home game against Millard.

IT'S THREE VS. TWO as Kim Groce, Denise Mackey, and Shelly Leeper work together to get the ball from two Lincoln players.



on the
sidelines
with

Troy Waterbury

Waterbury the water-boy! That was part of his job but not the whole picture of Troy Waterbury '90, manager of the boys' soccer team.

"Troy is really important to the team," said Troy Scott '89. "He fills the water jugs, relays messages, shags balls, and takes care of equipment. He makes sure everyone is where they are supposed to be."

According to Waterbury, he never wanted to play soccer, just help out.

"I knew the guys on the team, so I asked Coach Cunningham if he wanted a manager," said Waterbury. "I make sure the players have everything they need, and they make me feel like I'm part of the team."



WATER AND ICE are just part of the job to Troy Waterbury.



SOCCKER. FRONT ROW: Michelle Almon, Peggy Streepy, Tracy Leeper, Shella Musgrove, Denise Mackey, Kelly Halsted, Amelia Johnson, Adrienne Lee. **ROW 2:** Chris Wiggington, Angie Koenig, Rachel Stageman, Shelly Leeper, Candi Moore, Kim Groce, Jolie Schmoker, Shary Judkins. **ROW 3:** Greg Musgrove, Jeff A. Jensen, Mike Wittland, Toby Ball, Bob Roades, Troy Pitzer, Troy Waterbury. **ROW 4:** Mike Moats,

Troy Scott, Brian Mains, Jon Hensley, Todd Devereaux, Rob King, Kristen Lee. **ROW 5:** Mark Royer, Doug Hoover, Scott Stogdill, Larry Moore, Jeff Thielen, Scott Kenkel, Jason Eyre, Jason Christensen. **BACK ROW:** Paul Vandenburg, Bill Vandenburg, Ned Greer, Tony Gift, Rick Vandenburg, Todd Johnson, Chris Cihacek, Richard Streepy.



Soccer players make best of change as they practice new strategies to successfully compete against some . . .

Tough stuff

Soccer players struggled through wind sprint after wind sprint, ran over 200 laps around the track, paid up to \$70 for their shoes, and had to adjust to more competition than ever before.

Members of the boys' team felt increasing pressure from the opposing side of the field as they moved from the 'B' division to the tougher 'A', while the girls felt increased competition from their own bench.

With the addition of seven new players, the girls' team gained the needed substitutes it never had last year, but players felt the effects of those seven enthusiasts vying for playing time.

"From the first day of practice, I knew we were gonna be pushed harder by ourselves as well as the coach," said Jolie Schmoker '87. "I introduced Rachel Stageman to soccer and suddenly, she and other new players were competing with the experienced girls for positions. But the competition taught us how to respect other players and work together to win."

And win they did, improving their last year's 3-5-2 record to a 7-3-2 finish.

"With some extra players on the bench, the starters could come out of the game for a few minutes and rest," said

GOAL! Amelia Johnson, Shelly Leeper, and Shary Judkins celebrate after Leeper's shot tied the score 1-1 at the AL-TJ soccer night.

Coach Warren Lee. "I think that made it more fun for the girls, and they found some success they missed out on last year."

The boys also made the best of change, coming out of the season with a winning record and a birth into the Zenon Cup Semifinals, where they fell 3-4 to Millard North in shoot-out action.

"It's a hard way to lose, but we had a good game and much better season than expected," said Richard Streepy '89. "Being first in 'B' division is a lot different than playing in 'A' division. With more physical play and greater need for ball control, 'A' division is tougher."

Proof of the toughness came time and time again as coaches had to go to the bench, replacing injured players with inexperienced players.

On the boys' team, defenders Scott Kenkel '87, Tony Gift '87, and Streepy, the goalie, all missed at least one game due to injuries.

In addition to tougher play, soccer players had to adjust to a new strategy.

"Coach Cunningham had a new theory of soccer," said Rob King '89. "He wanted everybody to be defensive instead of just the final four field players. It confused us at first, but as the season went on, we got used to it and made it work for us."

win sum
lose sum

SOCCER BOYS 8-5

	AL	OPP
Holy Name	4	1
Central	4	0
Papillion	3	2
Millard S.	0	1
Millard N.	3	0
Westside	2	1
Roncalli	6	0
Prep	0	3
Bellevue W.	1	0
Burke	0	3
Tee Jay	1	2
Ralston	2	4

GIRLS 7-3-2

North	3	0
Millard S.	3	2
Lincoln	7	0
Bryan	2	1
Holy Name	0	3
St. Joseph	1	1
Duschene	0	1
Tee Jay	1	1
Northwest	4	0
Central	1	0
Ralston	0	6
St. Albert	5	0



Despite shortened pep rallies, empty bleachers, and low spirit, pepsters keep on showing their ...

Get up and go

YOU SAY RED, I SAY WHITE. Cheering to the sophomore crowd, Lisa Koenig raises crowd spirit at the last pep assembly.



Decked out in wide polka dotted ties and polyester pants that sagged at their ankles, seven freshman cheerleaders roamed Council Bluffs streets raiding all the Kwik Shops' supply of junk food.

When their crazy wandering ended, 15 bottles of pop and 4 bags of chips later, the girls felt closer and more ready to begin a year of work.

Before school started, pom pon girls got crazy too when they initiated new members by getting them out of bed, dressing them in old baggy clothes, taking them out to breakfast, and then making them perform a dance in front of the football players.

"I was really embarrassed

dancing in front of the football players wearing a sequined vest and my seventh grade gym shorts," said Jean Gibson '89.

Cheerleaders and pom pon girls needed such diversions to provide relief during a frustrating year.

When administrators moved pep assemblies from morning to seventh hour, cheerleaders had to fight empty bleachers and low spirit since many juniors and seniors on short day failed to show up.

The administration's shortening of pep assemblies from a full period to 30 minutes and use of some time for recognition of non athletic awards also irritated the girls.

"I felt cheated because we

spent all that time organizing the pep assemblies, and when our time was cut, we had to improvise cheers," said Lisa Menuey '88. "I was always confused about what cheers we were doing next."

Other problems occurred within squads. Pom pon girls had to

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YOU MADE IT! Overcome with emotion, Molly Swank receives a carnation from Cindy Voss congratulating her for making varsity cheerleading.

YOU DESERVE IT. Flowers and balloons from the varsity squad surprise sponsor Patty Ford while Vicki Gilman watches at the cheerleading banquet at Pizza King restaurant.



CHEERLEADING. FRONT ROW: Kari Hannan, Betsy Buck, Kim Groce, Traci Machmuller, Annette Neff, Jodi Randall, Jani Bintz. ROW 2: Carrie Harris, Kelly McKeown, Amy Wheeler, Lori Barritt, Molly Swank, D'lynn Conner, Debbie Over. ROW 3: Stacy Woods, Cindy Voss, Vicki

Gilman, Amy French, Andrea Darveaux, Jenny Huelshorst, Nikki Heidzig, Kathy Westphal. BACK ROW: Linda Bottrell, Barb Roth, Annette Nielson, Lisa Menuey, Holly Pechacek, Julie Kaderelt, Lisa Koenig, Reo Price, Michelle McEvoy.





UP THEY GO. At the pep assembly before the Benson game, the junior varsity cheerleaders construct one of only two pyramids performed during the year.

POSING PRETTY. To end the dance "Danger Zone," Sue Claussen performs the spreads at the Lewis Central game.

HARD AT WORK, Kim Groce and Vicki Gilman cut out decorations for the basketball players' lockers before the Tee Jay game.



STICKY BUSINESS. With balloons and banners, Tracy Machmuller decorates football players' lockers before the St. Albert game.

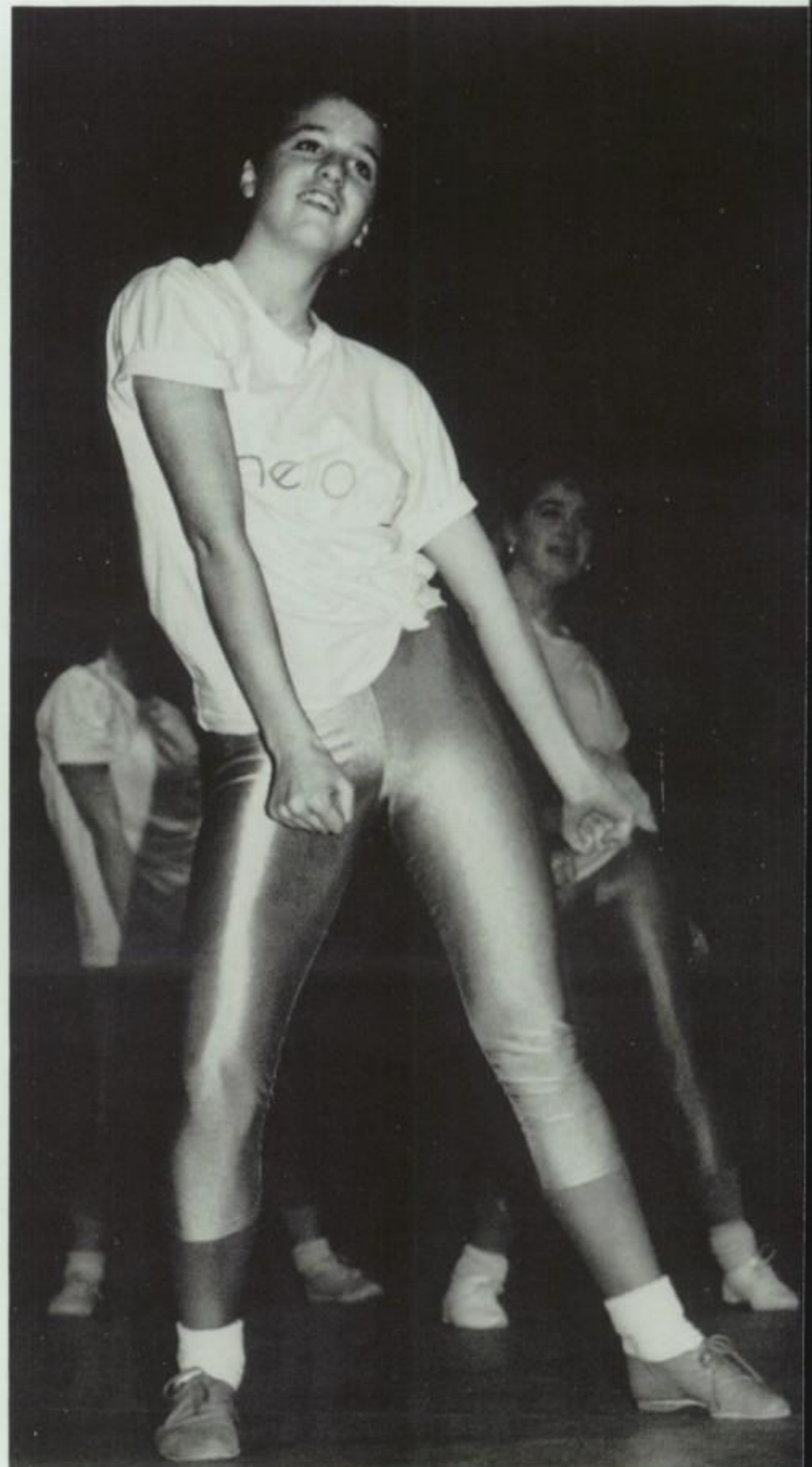


WHAT A YEAR! Overcome with elation, Sue Claussen accepts a rose from Tammy Nielsen, who thanks her for being a great captain at the last pep assembly.



POM PON SQUAD. FRONT ROW: Amy Feekin, Amelia Johnson, Cindy Holly, Shelly Brooks. ROW 2: Jean Gibson, Sue Claussen, Stacy Saunders, Heather Hough. BACK ROW: Dawn Pitzer, Kelly Maiskeit, Lulu Drummond, Kelly McEvoy, Tammy Nielsen.

PERFORMING WITH PIZAZZ. During half time, Kelli McEvoy gets into the dance "Danger Zone".



Get up and go

Continued

cope with a difficult situation when five members quit, including the captain.

"It was rough at first, but I think it made our squad closer and we worked together better as a squad," said Sue Claussen '87. "We started making up our dances together and everyone contributed something original to each dance."

Cheerleading also dealt with inner squad conflicts.

"We had a hard time getting along because no one could agree on anything," said Lisa Koenig '89. "Sometimes you felt like hitting someone. We couldn't agree on what to wear, red and white polos or turtle-necks. In the end, we all wore what we wanted."

Yet disagreements and problems didn't keep the

squads from doing their job.

Pom pon girls clad in shirts and sweats, rolled into the parking lot at 7 a.m. every morning. Carrying their ghetto blasters, they trudged to the gym to create more than 14 dances during the year.

"It was a pain getting up that early every morning, but we had to if we were going to make the year a success," said Amelia Johnson '88. "After practicing that early all summer, it just became part of our routine."

Although cheerleaders didn't practice as much, they busied themselves dreaming up ways to enliven pep assemblies and embarrass students.

They called students down to ride big wheels, compete at ice cream eating, and roll frozen oranges dumped in vinegar across the gym floor with their noses, all in front of the student body.

"I rode a big wheel, and it was really embarrassing," said

Suzette Nunez '88, "but I thought it made the pep assemblies more exciting. We should have more like them."

In addition to rooting at games and assemblies, cheerleaders cut, glued, and taped construction paper banners and blew up endless balloons to decorate players' lockers.

The pom pon girls sponsored a little girls clinic, which raised about \$1200.

"We taught the girls a routine, and they performed with us at a varsity game," said Amy Feekin '89. "The clinic was a madhouse with so many little girls running around, but it was worthwhile."

Both squads ended the year with a banquet where they celebrated accomplishments and enjoyed the friendships they had developed.

"The banquet was a lot of fun," said Lisa Koenig '89. "We ate and sat around and talked about all our sad, funny, and embarrassing times."

FLYING HIGH. In mid air, Jean Gibson performs a jump in the dance to "Hot Summer Nights."



SHAKIN' IT DOWN. Twelve years of dance prepared Lulu Drummond for this performance with the pom pon squad, which danced to "Come Go With Me" for Roadshow.



ALL TOGETHER. The Pom Pon squad performs a dance to "I Can Feel It" at a basketball game against Gross.

"I'M GONNA MISS YOU!" Clutching roses, Sue Claussen and Amelia Johnson exchange hugs at the last pep assembly.



VICTORY, VICTORY, THAT'S OUR CRY! Mike Boone, Todd Fox, Shawn Johnson, James Holly, and Craig Stueve celebrate the Caucasian Invasion's 49-41 win over Thump in the final intramural game.

"DON'T LET GO!" Caucasian Invasion and Thump players struggle for the ball in a morning game.

THE OUTFIELD-ER. As a player for the RLDS team, Chad Redman tosses a softball at Brotherland Park.



Fierce but fun intramural competition and other out-of-school sports keep students . . .

Playin' around

Nikes and Converse tromped down the court. Overworked lungs gasped for air. Sweat gushed out of every pore. How could anyone have such energy before 7:15 a.m.?

"I wanted to play basketball really bad, so it wasn't that big of a sacrifice for me," said Robbie Collins '88.

From Feb. 25 to March 26, Collins was part of an intramural basketball program that helped students release their energies before settling down in the classroom.

With intramural basketball and a myriad of other opportunities for non-varsity sports competition, students kept active and in shape.

Sponsored by instructor Dave Brown, the intramural teams sported names like Allen's Animals, Caucasian Invasion, Dead Road Gophers,

Hoopsters, and Thump.

In the final game between the Invasion and Thump on March 26, the Invasion came out on top with some back-up help.

Besides fans, the Invasion sported cheerleaders, a P.A. announcer, team coach, team manager, and equipment manager rooting from the sidelines.

"The cheerleaders and other members of the Invasion were there for support, playing the theme song and getting crazy," said Traci Leeper '88. "I think it got the guys hyped for an exciting game."

While the Invasion played for sheer fun, others played for the love of basketball.

"I didn't think I was good enough to play for AL, so instead, I played intramural basketball," said Jerry Cundiff '88, of the Dead Road Gophers.

For those not as crazy about 7 a.m. basketball, after-school hours and weekends

provided plenty of time for practice. In a random poll of 200 students, 62 said they took part in a non-school sponsored competitive sport, with 21 percent of them bowling for a league.

"I have bowled twice a week for nine years," said Kel- igh Scherzinger '90. "It's paid off because as a freshman, I made first team all-state."

Falling quickly behind bowling in popularity were softball, soccer, freestyle wrestling, and AAU basketball.

Students involved in these sports often put in an average of five hours every week, sometimes in addition to participating in school-sponsored sports.

"I spend two to three hours a night all year for volleyball, basketball, track, softball, fun run marathons, and AAU basketball," said Kris Mauer '90. "Between practice and games, I'm never home!"



PRECISION SHOT. Wide open, James Hatcher adds two to the Invasion's score against the Hoopsters.



IN PERFECT FORM, Jeff Rolffe works to improve his average of 117 for the Regal Beagles league. Rolffe's team, the Gutter Dusters, took third place out of 16 teams.

“I was on crutches for eight weeks. I could wear nothing but sweats over my cast, and I didn’t drive at all. My crutch tips would get wet from the rain. After the Tee Jay game, I went to Burger King, and my wet crutches slid right out from under me. Brian Young ’88”



SECURE WRAP. David Jones, boys' basketball team manager, wraps Matt Johnson's knee before a practice.

BALANCING ACT. Tim Knauss reaches for his coat while leaning on his crutches. Knauss was on crutches because of a sprained knee which kept him out of all but two wrestling matches.



Out on a limb

Athletes learn to deal with injuries on and off the field

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hat on earth happened to you?

To the chagrin of many coaches and players, this question echoed every time another athlete succumbed to an injury.

Abraham Lincoln High School began to look more like Abraham Lincoln General Hospital as athletes from virtually every sport were sidelined with pains, strains, and sprains.

According to Coach Bill Emsick, eight football players were forced to sit out from one game to the whole season with injuries ranging from sprained ankles to a broken collar bone.

Five female basketball players suffered similar fates. As a whole, injured players missed 56 quarters, or the equivalent of 14 games. Coach Dave Brown was even forced to scrimmage with the team on one occasion because he lacked enough healthy players.

"For the first time in seven years, I had to scrimmage with one of my teams," said Brown. "Since the same people who started one game didn't always start the next, it was really hard to establish continuity during practice."

Cross country runners and wrestlers couldn't escape from injuries either. Dave Reed '87, stumbled down a steep trail and broke his collar bone.

"After I fell, I was very confused," said Reed. "I didn't know what happened, but when I reached up and felt a lump in my collar bone, I knew something wasn't right."

Wrestler Kim Knauss '88, missed action with a sprained knee. Knauss' injury was a blow to the team, since he was a sophomore letter winner.

"Knauss' injury forced us to replace him with a less experienced JV wrestler," said assistant coach Tomas Lara.

It was ironic that AL athletes seemed to experience so many injuries, since the metro area as a whole experienced fewer injuries than in past years, according to Ron Hald, sports physical therapist at University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"We haven't had quite as many as other seasons because of the rain," said Hald. "The players didn't have a sure footing when they were hit, so they just slid."

Emsick blamed football injuries on hard playing.

"Our boys tried hard, played hard, and got more bumps and bruises," he said.



WORDS OF COMFORT. After spraining her ankle in the Central game, Kristi Anderson is consoled by Reo Price.

While teams were obviously affected, the personal lives of injured athletes were often forgotten. Many discovered that simple, everyday tasks suddenly became impossible because of their temporary handicap.

"During volleyball I was on crutches for a week because someone stepped on my foot and sprained my ankle," said Kendra Cory '90. "It took me forever to get dressed. Someone even had to help me put my jeans on."

Basketball player Kristi Anderson '88, faced even more inconveniences after she sprained her ankle. Every day for three weeks she had to ice it, wrap it, ice it again, keep it elevated, and soak it in a whirlpool.

"I hated being hurt, especially when everyone would ask what happened," said Anderson. "If my ankle was swollen, I couldn't practice. Worse, I had to go home after games to ice it instead of going out with my friends."

As the season turned from basketball to track, persistent pain forced Anderson to have a bone scan and walk on crutches for a week to finally heal the injury.

"I didn't want to miss track, but I wanted my ankle to heal too," said Anderson. "It was double jeopardy."

Football player Brian Young '88, encountered unique experiences because of his torn medial knee ligaments.

"I was on crutches for eight weeks. I could wear nothing but sweats over my cast, and I didn't drive the car at all," said Young. "Also, the crutch tips would get wet from the rain. After the Tee Jay game, I went to Burger King, and my wet crutches slid right out from under me."

But even after recovering from injuries, athletes looked confidently toward the next sports season. One such athlete was Ned Greer '88, who broke his collar bone in the Ralston football game.

"Now I don't have anything to be afraid of because I know what being hurt feels like," Greer said, "so I'm just going to play as hard as I can next year."

Some may have wondered why athletes accepted the risk of seriously hurting themselves, but to dedicated competitors, these hazards were only part of the game.

WITH A PAT OF CONGRATULATIONS at a banquet at Katherine's Katering, debate coach Mike Tripp gives Kevin Henningsen an award for participating in debate.

HELPFUL HINTS. Sarah Schultz revises a poem with Iowa poet Michael Carey, who visited classes for the Artists in the School program.



CAREFUL COLORING. Amy Fenner, student council member, works on posters to promote Pride Week.

TO PREPARE FOR CHEMISTRY FIELD DAY, Jim Depew and Kevin Marsh work on a titration lab. At the Creighton competition, Lynx scientists placed ninth and thirteenth.



Getting the BEST from Clubs & Classes

With 182 classes to take and 23 organizations to get involved in, we met pressure head-on in hundreds of forms.

Everyone had to take English, for example, and the department put on the pressure in three new ways. Teachers introduced writing workshops where students wrote papers and critiqued them time and time again, required an oral communications class for all sophs, and refined the debate program.

"New debate coach Mike Tripp has been strict with us," said Julie Shomshor '87. "Last year we could just slide by, but now we have to work a lot harder, which is more pressure, but I think I have improved because of it."

Social studies teachers decided to put more pressure on the entire Sophomore Class, making World History a requirement for sophomores because of low ITED scores over the last few years.

"We studied from the ice age clear up to World War I," said Jeff Schwarte '89, "but the most interesting thing we studied was Egypt. It wasn't that hard of a class, but anything required puts pressure on you."

The pom pon squad faced a new pressure, not from an addition, but from a subtraction. Five members quit the squad, forcing the group to add two new members in December.

"When Heather and Kelly joined the squad, we all had to work harder for the first couple of dances," said Sue Claussen '87, co-captain. "I think we learned to work better together, and it was a positive experience for the squad."

As they took on added pressures, students and club members forced themselves to excel in 1987.

"Since we editors had to spend a lot of time together, we found crazy ways to relieve tension. We went on food runs, ate Fruit Loops by the handful, and taped innocent flies to the windows."

Barb Leu



WITH THEIR THINKING CAPS ON, Todd Fox and Taryn Bixler, co-editors of the Echoes, layout the December issue of the paper.



SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD, or just one mad teacher? As part of a unit on colonialism, instructor Cheryl Tousley delivers a sermon as a Puritan minister.

"**ARE BOOK TITLES UNDERLINED OR PUT IN QUOTATION MARKS?**" asks Kelly Malskeit '88. Malskeit works to write a paper on *Moby Dick* for the third time. Malskeit received an A on the paper.



"**HA HA! A HOSTAGE!**" Bad Bart, played by Scott Downing, takes Lori French hostage. The freshmen wrote and performed the skit with words from first semester vocab lessons for Honors English.



English teachers have students ...

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Doin' the write stuff

OFFERING WORDS OF ADVICE, Joe Mass critiques Paul Vandenburg's poem while instructor Christine Wahl listens quietly.

English class used to bring to mind grammar worksheets, spelling tests, vocab drills and verb tense quizzes. But we would remember this as the year we put pen to paper and wrote and wrote and wrote.

"We've done several writing projects," said Gretchen Johnson '88, "including a literary critique and lots of essays. All the practice has made it easier for me to organize my thoughts."

Teachers stressed writing because of a new city curriculum, which Victoria Holder, de-

partment lead teacher, called part of a national movement.

"Colleges and businesses are turning to high schools and saying kids don't know how to express themselves on paper," said Mrs. Holder. "Whether they use a pen, typewriter, or computer, they must learn to get the point across to the reader."

Teachers used both old and new techniques to sharpen students' writing skills.

"I'm using journal writing three times a week," said instructor Mike Tripp. "I hope students will understand that writing is a way to communicate, not just an assignment."

Another new project was a writers' workshop, in which students in instructor Christine

Wahl's classes critiqued each others' writing on Fridays.

"It's a lot easier to talk to students about your work than to the teacher," said Paul Vandenburg '87. "This way, I got a chance to keep polishing my work before I gave it to Mrs. Wahl."

Students weren't the only ones going to class. On those inservice days when every student was out goofing off, English teachers could be found in the library taking the Iowa Writers' Project.

Taught by Marilyn Kelly, area 13 consultant, the project stressed writing as a process rather than a product, and taught teachers to work with students while constructing a piece rather than just

grading it after completion.

In the Spring, the focus changed from critical writing to poetry as Michael Carey, an Iowa poet, conducted a "writer in the schools" seminar from March 30 to April 3.

Students learned the steps in writing effective poetry and wrote some of their own, and on the evening of April 3, parents were invited for a poetry reading.

"The project was a huge success," said Mrs. Holder. "Mr. Carey was delightful."

Pencil points broke, erasers wore down, and sheet after sheet of notebook paper was torn from the binder, but students and teachers alike survived the flood of words organized into draft after draft.



"IMPOSSIBLE, ILLOGICAL, AND COMPLETELY ABSURD!" That's the diagnosis given by psychologist Julianne Pippert while consulting her patient, played by Janelle Misner. The girls performed the skit for their sixth hour English class.

MAN VS. MAN OR MAN VS. HIMSELF? Discussing the type of conflict in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Winter Dreams," Scott Wells, Jim Campbell, and Barry Wilson try to complete literature worksheets.



READING, WRITING, AND RESTING give the three R's a whole new meaning for Kirk Garside. Garside completed his lesson early and took a nap during sixth hour English class on a day when a substitute was in charge.



NEWSPAPER. FRONT ROW: Amy Fenner, Debbie Dykeman, Barb Leu, Susan Freeman. ROW 2: Melanie Judkins, Margee Nagel, JaNean Mattes, Cindy Voss, Connie Boyd. ROW 3: Mindy Brewer, Leanne Ellis,

Tammy Musgrave, Traci Weaver, Heidi Hamilton, Chellie Lowman. BACK ROW: Tim Anderson, Matt Moline, Jeff Hays, Craig Faust, Todd Fox, Dennis Kirlin, Shane Sanders.



AS A PRANK for adviser Linda Smoley's 40th birthday, staffers caught her at the front door and forced her into a wheelchair. Dennis Kirlin pushes toward room 234 as Barb Leu, Dale Messerly, and a crowd tag along.



Moonlight masterpiece

Editors work many nights to create a . . .

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Rattling and spitting, the beater pulled into the empty parking lot at Central Office. Five editors piled out and headed into the building with their computer disks in hand. The clock on the wall of the empty, silent office read 10:30 as they popped a disk into the computer.

Two hours later, the five editors were finished — copy for the next edition was set and ready to paste-up.

Such late hours were not uncommon for the 1987 newspaper staff because for the first time ever, students typed their stories on MacIntosh computers and the editors formatted the stories and printed them

on the district's laser writer.

With the staff's adventure in "desk top publishing" came total control of its publication, including the ability to cover late breaking stories and make last minute changes.

"One time, all the stories were running long. We had scheduled a 16-page paper, but we knew it was going to run over," said Todd Fox '87. "Instead of cutting stories, we decided to add pages. Taryn Bixler and I wrote a review at the last minute and redid the layouts, and the paper came out as 18 pages."

In addition to allowing more up to date coverage, desk top publishing saved the staff \$350 per issue, money that was used for more color and better paper.

According to Linda Smoley, adviser, five independent edi-

tors were most responsible for the success of the paper.

"At the beginning of the year, we spent many nights at Central Office learning how to run the MacIntoshes and the laser printer," said Barb Leu '87. "And once we did master it, we still had to make many trips because all the stories weren't done on time."

In fact, the main problem editors faced was failure of staffers to meet deadlines.

"It was very hard to force yourself to get done," said Mindy Brewer '88. "They said the story was due on the 10th, but you knew the paper didn't come out until the 30th."

Although the staff had problems, it won many awards. Nationally, Brewer and Ann Kirlin '87, won Gold Keys, and Amy Fenner '88, and Taryn Bixler '87 earned Merit Certificates.

At the state level, Kirlin won third place in health writing for an AIDS story. Fenner received second place for coverage of education with a dropout story, and Susan Freeman '87, won first place for coverage of the handicapped with a story on Dan Marshall, a blind teacher.

"I was shocked," said Freeman. "Todd Fox came and got me out of Calculus. I thought, 'Oh, no. what does Mrs. Smoley want me for? What did I do wrong?' When I got to the room, the whole class looked at me and Mrs. Smoley said, 'You won. Would you like to go to Denver?'"

Locally, the Echoes was named Best Newspaper in the Metro at UNO for the third year in a row; and at Creighton, the staff earned more awards than any other school.

AT CENTRAL OFFICE, Barb Leu, Susan Freeman, Ann Kirlin, and Todd Fox print out the next edition of the paper on the district's laser writer.



"I CAN'T CARRY THIS ALONE!" shouts Margee Nagel as Leanne Ellis and Melanie Judkins carry a box containing the just-printed Echoes, which they picked up at South Side Press.

OUT ON THE LEDGE OF ROOM 234, Dennis Kirlin, Jeff Wall, Taryn Bixler, and Dale Messerly admire the latest edition of the Echoes. Staffers occasionally used the ledge for meditation.

"THERE'S ROBB!" Like the rest of the staff, staffers Ronni Shaw, Mike Cooper, and Melody Massih watch the KMTV news segment entitled "Crimson Blues" about the 47 lost pages.

IN A FRANTIC ATTEMPT to locate his DECA pictures, Jeff Griffis studies negatives during the last week of school.

WITH A WHOOSH, adviser Linda Smoley blows out candles at a party the staff held for her 40th birthday.



A PLEDGE OF HONOR. Inductees Jill Tilley, Molly Swank, and Annette Nielson repeat the Quill and Scroll pledge at the publications banquet at the Holiday Inn.



YEARBOOK STAFF. FRONT ROW: Vicki Gilman, Robb Traylor, Jennie Tanous, Connie Boyd, Tami Tiller. ROW 2: Betina Whitaker, Peggy Streepy, Molly Swank, Jill Tilley, Debbie Dolezal, Kelly McKeown. ROW 3: Michele Hetrick, Jennie Huelshorst, Mindy Harmon, Mike Cooper,

Jodi Anderson, Melaine Lovstad, Melody Massih, Sarah Smock. BACK ROW: Amy French, Marsha Hoffman, Becky Olsen, Tad Brewster, Craig Faust, Jeff Griffis, Ronni Shaw, Annette Nielson

Redoing lost pages has yearbookers . . .

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Feelin' the crimson blues

Yearbookers met in 234 like any other day. The book was nearly done, exactly on schedule, and staffers chattered away, waiting for adviser Linda Smoley.

When the staff saw Smoley's puffy eyes peering out from a mascara blackened face, the chatter died.

Smoley told the staff that 47 pages of the book got lost in the mail, and there was little chance of finding them, according to postal officials.

Staffers sat in a stupor, their lips falling to the floor and eyes swelling with tears.

"Why us?" asked assistant editor Melanie Lovstad '87. "What did we do to deserve this?"

After a prayer was said and wet tissues picked up, the staff was faced with the decision to "throw something together," as their principal had suggested, or redo the pages exactly as mailed.

After the decision was made to reproduce the original 47 pages, the staff set about the work of reprinting 100 pictures, redrawing 24 spreads, locating duplicates for 300 mug shots, redoing more than 30 art headlines, and copying page after page of type.

The next morning, as frazzled writers and photographers pawed through contact books, 300 envelopes of negatives, and boxes of discarded prints, a T.V. cameraman

and reporter broke their concentration with lights and questions. That night staffers watched themselves on the Omaha news, telling everyone their final product would be worth the extra effort.

"Even though there were hours of frustrating work ahead of us," said Jill Tilley '88, "the publicity of the loss made us celebrities, sort of rebels for a cause."

Staffers had rebelled all year against family, friends, and temptations to "do it tomorrow" in their determination to meet deadlines.

"It was so refreshing to work with people who understood the importance of deadlines," said Mrs. Smoley. "Tension was almost non-ex-

istent."

But the year wasn't all work and no play, as staffers were easily sidetracked on work nights.

"Sometimes brainstorm sessions for headlines turned into laugh sessions about Mrs. Smoley's fake nails and flaming red hair, or we'd be interrupted by the photogs singing in the dark-room," said Robb Traylor '89.

Even during the first week of summer vacation when the staff continued working from 8 to 4 in 234, the joking around helped get the 47 pages done with a sense of comraderie instead of complaining. The only difference between those pages and the rest was the staff's certain knowledge that they would be mailed UPS.



BRAINSTORMING. Mindy Harmon, Melanie Lovstad, and Amy French try to come up with a foreign language headline, while French continues indexing.



A PEZ PAL. At the yearbook Christmas party, Sarah Smock enjoys her present while Craig Faust unwraps his. Smock brought her new camera to take her first set of pictures.



"GET A LOAD OF THIS!" Laughing at a card from adviser Linda Smoley, Debbie Dolezal and Jennie Tanous read a Christmas message at the yearbook party at the Tanous home.

GETTING IT TOGETHER, debate instructor Mike Tripp explains to Misty Parker how to correctly organize information during a sixth hour class in the library.

"BUT MRS. GRANDICK, I JUST KNOW IT WOULD SOUND RIGHT!" Sarah Markuson and speech coach Marsha Grandick go over ideas for introductions to Markuson's literary program at an after-school practice.



SPEECH AND DEBATE. FRONT ROW: Abby Wilmarth, Brian Puntene, Misty Parker, Jean Schnack, Ricco Siasoco, Heidi Hamilton. ROW 2: Marsha Grandick, Kevin Marsh, Molly Swank, Jason Bowman, Stacy Woods, Mike Cooper. ROW 3: Kevin Hen-

ningsen, Chris Marsh, Mindy Brewer, Brooke Ratley, Sarah Markuson, Rachel Nelson, Diana Castillo. BACK ROW: Scott Sanders, Mike Tripp, Todd Sanders, Dennis Kirlin, Matt Miller, Julie Shomshor, Tanya Rocheleau.



Speakers win 18 trophies as proof of ...

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Exceptional expression

As she wearily dragged herself out of bed at 4:30 a.m., Sarah Markuson '88, thought of how she had to memorize her story, "The Fall of Freddy the Leaf," go over her literary program on "Working America," get herself ready, and be at school by 6:20.

While she waited for each lock of hair to curl, she peered into the mirror, reciting every line until she could perform her story perfectly.

All of Markuson's hard work paid off that day at District Speech Contest in Shenandoah, where she earned Division I ratings in both storytelling

"REMEMBER THE TIME THAT ..."
Mindy Brewer and Tanya Rocheleau reminisce at the year-end banquet about "The Year in Speech and Debate."

and literary program.

Markuson was just one of many speakers and debaters whose dedication resulted in success.

"I went to practice a lot after school so Mrs. Grandick could help me," said Tanya Rocheleau '88, who advanced to finals in dramatic interpretation at the Iowa Forensic League State Tournament in March. "One night I even stayed up until 3 a.m. to get my oratory memorized. It was worth it though when I got a I rating."

Debaters were successful as well. At the National Forensic League's Speech and Debate Tournament in January, Julie Shomshor '87, and Heidi Hamilton '87, made it to quarter-finals for Nationals.

"This was the first year AL

has sent a debate team to districts," said Hamilton. "Julie and I were really happy we made it to third round because the top teams in Iowa were there."

Sometimes coincidence helped debaters succeed.

"At the Bryan Invitational, the specific topic was free market," said Jason Bowman '89. "It worked out well because we had been working on that the entire week, so we were really prepared. We ended up getting a first place trophy. It was great!"

After a half-dozen exhausting out-of-town tournaments, the forensics teams had managed to earn 16 Division I ratings, five Division II ratings, and six outstandings. Those awarded state outstandings included Mike Cooper '89,

Markuson, Rocheleau, and Hamilton, all of whom performed at Super-State.

"I was just happy I got a I at State but then I was really surprised about Super-State," said Cooper, who made it in extemporaneous speaking. "When I heard about it, I went down to see Mrs. Grandick to make sure there wasn't a mistake!"

At the Mid-America's Cup Tournament, Mindy Brewer '88, got first place out of 35 contestants in impromptu speaking.

"After I spoke, everyone said I would win, but I didn't want to get my hopes up and not win," said Brewer.

"At the Awards ceremony, all seven finalists were standing.

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MUNCH, MUNCH, MUNCH. Cristi Riddle eats a make-believe drumstick while performing her children's story, "The Chicken and Grethel," during fourth hour Oral Communications class.

OFF TO I.F.L.'S THEY GO! Lugging their suitcases, Travis Walker, Chris Marsh, Kevin Henningsen, Mike Cooper, and Kevin Marsh walk out to the bus for Iowa City on March 5.

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up there, then they narrowed it down to three, and pretty soon, I was the only one up there. I was so happy because the competition was from all over the state."

Sophomores also found success and improvement in speech when they were required to take Oral Communications for one semester.

"The class helped me overcome my fear of public speaking," said Liz Taibleson '89. "Once I had to do a demonstrative speech, and they videotaped it. I really didn't want to watch myself, but when I did, I found a lot of things I could improve on, like my gestures. Now when I give speeches, I plan them so I don't do the same things over and over."

Most team members realized improvement was more important than trophies.

"I hadn't competed much before, so I wasn't expecting to win tons of trophies, not yet, anyway!" said Ricco Siasoco '90, who did a humorous interpretation of *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon. "This year was a real learning experience. The judges were very critical, and they told me exactly how to do my gestures and vary my voice. Those suggestions improved my speech a lot.

"I'm really excited for the next few years in speech because I was only two points away from making it to semifinals at I.F.L.'s."

Since speakers and debaters had to spend a lot of time at out-of-town tournaments,

they made the most of the free time they shared together.

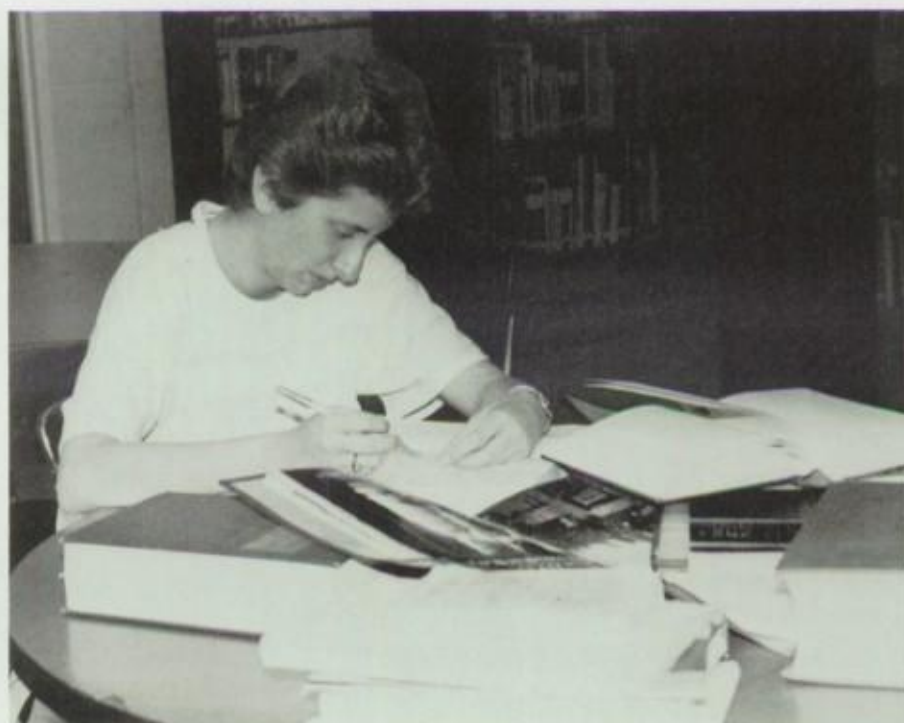
"One night before a debate tournament, we all stayed up until 1:30 a.m. playing tag in the hotel. We ran around and had ice cube fights until this janitor told us they had complaints about the noise," said Julie Shomshor '87. "It was really funny, though, because the next morning, there were all these wet spots on the floor where we had dropped ice!"

But crazy times aside, with hours of practice and miles of travel, speakers filled the year with exceptional expression.

"YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE what Gertrude ended up doing!" Pretending it's their fiftieth year reunion, Carolyn Widtfeldt and Jaime Miller perform a skit in Oral Communications.

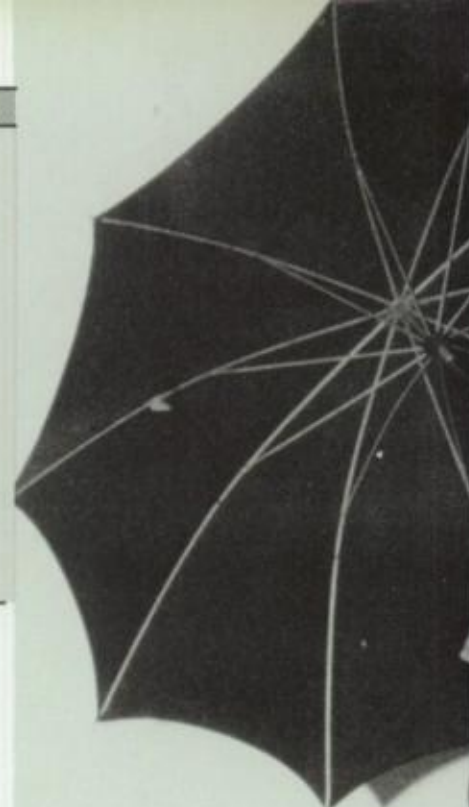


"BUT IF YOU DID IT THAT WAY, PEOPLE WOULD STARVE!" Kevin Marsh and Julie Shomshor debate agricultural policy during sixth hour debate class.



OVERWHELMED, Heidi Hamilton researches information for debate during sixth hour in the library. The debate topic was long-term governmental agricultural policy.

"EACH YEAR 8,716 MALES become affected with AIDS." Anne Dryden practices her expository speech on AIDS during second hour. Dryden received a Division I State rating in expository address.





"WOH WOH WOH WOH WOH WOH!"
Chuck Stahl practices his humorous
interpretation of "The Ransom of
Red Chief" by O. Henry after
school.



"GOOD JOB!" Speech coach Mar-
sha Grandick congratulates Nate
Jungman on his first letter in de-
bate. Jungman also won the award
for "Nicest Debater."



GETTING DOWN TO THE NITTY
GRITTY. Before going to State, Mike
Cooper and Brooke Ratley work to
finish extemporaneous speeches in
20 minutes at an after-school prac-
tice.

BEHIND THE SCENES. Bent over in deep concentration, Katie McGuire and Cass Hatcher devote free time to work on the "Follies" sign for the 1987 Roadshow.

THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE. Standing before the class, Candy Minor demonstrates her knowledge of characterization in drama class.



WHAT PRETTY HAIR YOU HAVE! Portraying a blind man in the play *Butterflies are Free*, Chris Henry touches the wig worn by Teresa Jaussi, who acts as his romantic interest in the play.

Drama students fight the odds ...

By
word of
mouth

For a 'fantastick' finish

As the curtain closed on their final production, members of the drama department savored the hard-earned applause.

They had turned out four major productions, working with a zero-dollar budget, and had fought low student turn-outs at auditions every inch of the way.

"We had to go out and recruit students to audition for plays," said Steve Brockway, head of the drama department. "It was frustrating."

Yet the drama department overcame these hurdles, and their four productions made the year a success.

Butterflies are Free, a play directed by Chris Henry '87, and run by students, became the year's first show.

Students managed everything from costume design to lighting techniques, and they realized the difficulties of putting on an entire play.

"Trying to get everyone together at the same time was really frustrating," said Henry. "But it was a lot of fun. I wish I could do it again."

Little Mary Sunshine, a musical and comedy rolled into one, presented a challenge to those involved in the technical aspect of drama.

Students constructed a background scenery 40 feet long by 16 feet high, and they learned painting, lighting, and scene design techniques that helped achieve the most realistic effect.

"Each production offered something different," said

Brockway. "*Little Mary Sunshine* gave students the technical opportunities that putting on a major show involves."

The Fantasticks, a musical performed backstage, attempted to draw in the audience through creating an intimate atmosphere.

Students felt actively involved as characters exited the stage by a walkway, a mute scattered glitter in their hair, and a "dying" Indian clutched their shoulders.

Preparations took six weeks, and new friendships developed as cast members worked together to present the play.

"We all became really close," said Jean Gibson '89. "We were like one big family. That made doing *The Fantas-*

ticks a lot of fun."

Finally, the Roadshow, brought about through Brockway and instructors Marsha Grandick and Lee Spann, ended the year with success.

Students worked furiously for an entire week, making the sign bearing the show's nickname, "Follies."

"We worked before school, after school, and during our lunches to get the sign done," said Anna Jorgensen '87. "It was a big job."

The proceeds from the 20-act show pulled the drama department out of debt, leaving it ready to face the upcoming year.

"Enrollment for next year has doubled," said Brockway. "Already, more kids are giving drama a try."



WHO SAID DRAMA WAS EASY? With sleeves rolled up and brush in hand, Anna Jorgensen puts the finishing touches of glitter on the "1987 Abe Lynx Follies" sign that took an entire week to make.

SETTING THE STAGE. Working on the well to be used as a prop in *Little Mary Sunshine*, John Wimmer attends to the final details of construction before painting the well dark green.



DRESSING FOR THE PART. As Scott Dietz pounds steadily on his make-shift drum, Travis Walker hovers behind, delivering his lines. The two portrayed Indians in *Little Mary Sunshine*.



TOGETHER AT LAST. Their differences as Matt and Luisa in *The Fantasticks* reconciled, Kim Capel and Travis Walker sing together in a final duet.

By
word of
month

Fetish for foreign food

Pig out! That's what foreign language students did, sampling mouth-watering tacos, crepes, and birthday cake in the classroom and in posh places like the French Cafe.

French Club celebrated the holiday season with a candle-light Christmas dinner and brightened February with a trip to the French Cafe and a chance to wander the Old Market.

"You can't get crepes and French onion soup like they serve in the French Cafe anywhere else," said Gretchen Johnson '88. "We got a special price so we didn't have to pay \$20 a person like you would if you went at night."

During Foreign Language Week, French Club members continued to satisfy their food fetish by selling croissants, with funds going to eight lucky students who planned to visit France in the summer.

Spanish students ended Foreign Language Week with

a fiesta of Mexican foods, including tacos, burritos, soup, and churros. Spanish Club also enjoyed Mexican foods at El Aguila, a small restaurant in a converted home.

"The food was good even though the restaurant was so tiny," said Nikki Heidzig '90. "Afterwards we went to a Mexican store and bought churros, a type of roll."

Frequent treats like doughnuts and birthday cake made Latin class and its teacher, Don Scheibeler, a favorite with students. Birthday parties and movies about ancient Rome like *Ben Hur* and *The Last Days of Pompeii* were common happenings in class.

"Latin class is more relaxed compared to my other classes," said Tami Tiller '87. "Every day it seems we're doing something special from watching movies to hosting birthday parties."

Instead of as a treat, German Club used food as a punishment in its annual initiation

ceremony. Those who spoke in English during the German-only half hour had to eat a caramel-covered onion.

"It's hilarious to watch people at initiation," said Dan Storey, '87, German Club president. "They have to do stunts like rolling a weeble with their nose and imitating a chicken."

Russian students didn't have time to pig out or play games. Their class met only on alternate days, and students were kept busy learning Russian characters and words.

"Russian is a difficult language to learn, but it's a lot of fun," said Penny Pearson '87. "Mr. Brockway, who learned Russian in the army, makes it really interesting."

Fun and food made taking a language a favorite with students, who found they learned about another culture not only through a textbook, but also by sampling the culture's delectable dishes!

GUESS WHAT THIS SAYS! Second year Russian student Penny Pearson practices writing, "I am a girl" on the board. To use Russian, a student had to learn a new alphabet.



GERMAN CLUB 1. ROW 1: Jody Randall, Lisa Smith, Heather Beck, Nancy Conway, Keri Fent, Sarah Schultz, Kelsy Coppock, Kim Willis, Kevin Vredeveid. ROW 2: Phil Storey, Bob Rhodes, Jenni Huelshorst, Shelly Brooks, Shawn Brooks, Derek Bristol, Debbie Fairchild, Michelle Darveaux, Lori French, Gena Lewis, Teresa Spencer. ROW 3: Brad Heizer, Shelly Kromminga,

Jenni Thompson, Michele Hetrick, Paul Grafelman, Greg Larsen, Kristin Lee, Becky Olsen, Michelle Bottrell, Priscilla Leu, Kyle Maher. ROW 4: Jeff Christiansen, Shane Potter, Anthony Welsh, Tim Knauss, Bill Engel, Guy Whitman, Chris Zimmerman, Rory Nihlsen, David Porter, Jason Christensen.



GERMAN CLUB 2. ROW 1: Andrea Darveaux, Lynne Califf, Heidi Wolff, Denise Sollazzo, Kim Will, Charity Midkiff, Susan Schumacher, Laura Colter, Michelle Wehrli, Dana Major. ROW 2: Kris Miller, Elizabeth Scott, Laura Stom, Julie Armstrong, Chellie Lowman, Heidi LaSala, Brenda Muschall, Jennifer Thomas, Marsha Fauble,

Matt Brentlinger. ROW 3: Brian Harmon, Larry Stover, Lisa Wilson, Dan Prichard, Jim Dietz, Chris Bryson, Dan Storey, Mike Graham, Pam Laudon, Richard Poulsen. ROW 4: Brian Hircok, Dan Johannes, Steve Brockman, Bill Vandenberg, Ed Kast, Jeff Montgomery, Scott Nielsen, Tab Badgett, Scott Dietz, Ken Arrick, Jeff Dilts



SCRUMPTIOUS STRAWBERRY CREPES provide the perfect end to Denise Mackey's fancy meal at the French Cafe during a French Club field trip.

WARY OF TRYING EXOTIC FOODS, Robb Traylor and Jennie Tanous sample an array of French cuisine in the home economics room on French Foods Day. Each student followed a French recipe.



NAZI TORTURE TREATMENT. For not speaking German, Glen White and Larry Stover must eat caramel-covered onions served by Phil Storey at German initiation.



FRENCH CLUB. ROW 1: Joni Huebner, Lisa Noron, Kim Jerrett, Christie Poe, Karl Hannan, Windy Kennedy, Amy Brewer. ROW 2: Nathan Claus, Christy Walter, Cathy Gray, Tena Nelson, Gretchen Johnson, Jeremy Wenninghoff, Jorge Garcia, Mindy Harmon, Robb Traylor. ROW 3: Holly Swank, Reo Price, Nicole Brink, Tracy Owen, Lisa Flenker, Kelly Halsted, Debbie Doleal, Denise Mackey, Darren DeRoos. ROW 4:

Joel Whitman, Andrea Rocheleau, Barbie Roth, Tracy Kesterson, Amy Watson, Jody Anderson, LuLu Drummond, Stacey Saunders, Suzanne Claussen, Jeffrey Matter. ROW 5: Mike Cooper, Andrea Ellingsen, Angie Koenig, Angela Pazzi, Jeff Rolfe, Kristi Anderson, Chad Redman, Jennie Tanous, Stacey Meyer, Jill Tilley, Traci Weaver, Melinda Minor, Nicole Askins.



SPANISH CLUB. ROW 1: Wendi Ellerbeck, Kathy Yeoman, Julie McClellan, Kristy Wedel, Carrie Harris, Ami Feekin, Nikki Heldzig. ROW 2: Jim Brown, Shelley Rupp, Amy Larsen, Kelly McKeown, Stacy Woods, Kristie Green, Betsy Buck. ROW 3: Leah Ulmer, Roxie Wilson, Ra-

chael Rhatigan, Marsha Hoffman, Annette Nielsen, Jennifer Sherman, Amy Putman. ROW 4: Rick Vandenberg, Jeff Kenkel, Dan Woike, Wendi Miller, Nick Tornabane, Rachel Stage-man, Tom Walsh, Dave Tornabane.

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Caught in a brainstorm

Social Studies changes find students ...

By word of mouth

Change was in the air. Students who took the first economics class offered in more than ten years felt it.

Sophomores slipping into their seats as the bell rang to signal the start of World History class felt it.

American Government students stepping into the shoes of politicians for a week felt it.

And AL's first Brain Bowl team, competing with 15 other schools, felt it.

These changes occurred within the social studies department and gave students new opportunities to learn.

"I loved economics," said Michelle McKern '88. "It was so much fun. We always had class discussions and everyone participated. On test mornings, we got to listen to the radio."

Instructor Larry Brown taught the department's newest class, stressing the consumer-oriented aspects of economics.

"We learned how to man-

age money and, in general, understand economics better," said Nancy Butts '87. "For one project, we chose a financial institution and found out all the services it offered."

Students also visited the Federal Reserve Bank of Omaha.

"It was so interesting," said Mark Wittland '88. "We saw how they made money, where they stored it, and they gave us souvenir bags of shredded money."

Changes also occurred for sophomores who found they had to take World History to graduate, after years of low ITED scores in world awareness.

"We realized that something needed to be done," said Dennis Devault, head of the social studies department, "so we changed World History from an elective to a requirement."

After only nine weeks, sophomores enrolled in World History took the ITED's, and average scores improved by 32

points.

Students who studied periods from the Early Stone Age to the Ottoman Empire recognized the effectiveness of the change.

"I learned a lot in World History," said Kevin Creed '89. "I worked harder in there than in any other class."

Students in instructor Sidney Klopfer's American Government class also learned more as they nominated candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President, and then voted as if in a real election.

"It was just like the real thing," said Heather Proctor '88. "We had press conferences, campaign managers, and debates, and everyone got real emotional. It made us realize just how much a politician goes through to get elected."

Finally AL's first Brain Bowl team joined KMA radio station's 10th annual Brain Bowl.

Organized by Brown, the team consisted of Kevin

TRIVIAL PURSUIT? Coach Larry Brown helps Abby Wilmarth, Mike Cooper, Kevin Marsh, and Chris Marsh prepare for the Brain Bowl.

Marsh '88, (captain), Chris Marsh '89, Abby Wilmarth '89, and Mike Cooper '89, (alternate). Members practiced after school to prepare for the competitions.

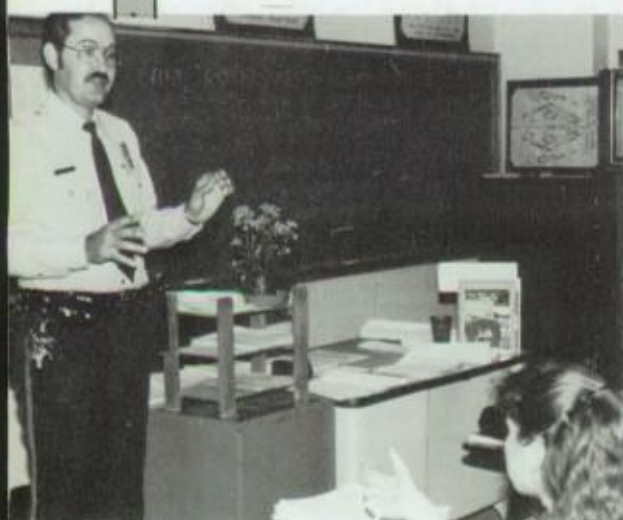
"We played Trivial Pursuit, used quiz books, and Mr. Brown flipped through encyclopedias to find questions to ask us. We had to be ready for anything," said Cooper.

AL defeated Plattsouth and Shenandoah early on, and then beat Nishna Valley 214 to 27 in the semi-finals.

In the final competition, AL came up against Tee Jay, the winner three years in a row.

AL scored 128 points to Tee Jay's 82, and secured the championship.

"I don't think the students were nervous about competing," said Brown. "They were well prepared and self-confident. Everyone enjoyed themselves."



"LET ME EXPLAIN." Mary Gard listens as police officer Monty Montagne speaks about teenagers and crime. Montagne was a guest speaker in sociology class.



WHAT WAS THE QUESTION AGAIN? During a mock election in American Government class, candidates Amy Wheeler, Karl Hundtofte, Vicki Gilman, and Jim Brown answer questions on world affairs.

"AND I PROMISE ..." Standing at the podium in American Government class, Barry Wilson gives his election speech for the presidency. Wilson ran as a Republican and won the mock election.





OH, HOW CUTE! Lori Ettleman, Mary Gard, Becky Lee, and Brenda Putnam inspect their flour babies that were used in Understanding People class to teach parental responsibility.

FUTURE HABERDASHERS? Shelly Iliff, Scott Johannes, and Jeff Matter go over the profits of their hypothetical shoe store as part of economics class.

COPYCAT! From a projection, Jami Weilage traces the outline of a choo-choo train for instructor John Cairns' fourth hour media class. The poster and folders were for a grade school teacher.



CAREFULLY, Amy Rasmussen helps to get ready for the art fair by boxing up a classmate's vase during instructor David Holmes' sixth hour class.

A HELPING HAND. During her free hour, instructor Miriam Boyd assists Jody Pierce with a perspective drawing.



Despite struggle, students continue ...

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Keeping the arts alive

Imagine a modern high school teaching only reading, writing and arithmetic.

While it hadn't come to this yet, art teachers feared that the more creative expressions were beginning to dwindle in importance at school.

"Most of the counselors stressed the academic courses, to go back to the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic," said Miriam Boyd, art instructor, "so some students are taking math and science courses instead of art."

Since only 126 students enrolled in art classes in 1987, one of the biggest jobs of the department was recruiting.

"I went through all my classes and made suggestions to my current students about what art course they

should take next year," Mrs. Boyd said. "Then I made a list of former students and talked to them, asking them if they would like to take another course, or if they knew anyone who would."

Such efforts resulted in raising the enrollment by 58.5 students per semester for 1988.

Teachers also had to wage battle against a dwindling budget, cut 55 percent over the last year, a total of 70 percent in the past two years.

"By the end of next year, the art department's supplies will be stripped," Mrs. Boyd said. "This year the inventory will not be replaced, so there won't be much left over."

Yet, despite budget cuts and low enrollment, students in the department excelled.

From nine classes, 34 students entered the art fair, with 12 winning top prizes. First place or grand prize went to seniors John Hall, Tony Winchester, Curt Tucker, Missy McKinley, and Jolie Schmoker; juniors Tobe Barzydlo, Dawn Raether, Kelly Behrens, and JaNean Mattes; sophomores Jody Pierce and Arturo Adams; and freshman Tom McGuire.

The media department also suffered lower enrollment but managed great accomplishments.

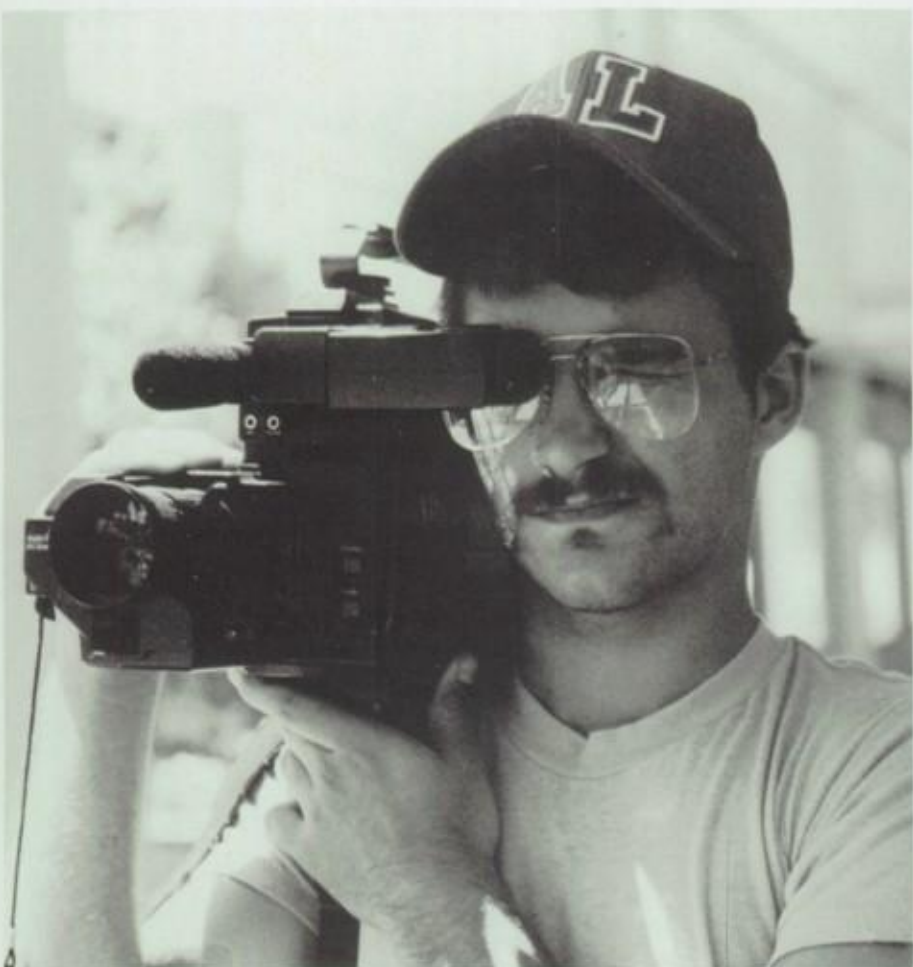
Despite a cut from 105 students to 49, the media center began broadcasting from channel 35, "Your Educational News Channel," from its new quarters at Bloomer.

A class of 20 students

broadcast at least two hours a day, running programs such as "Teen Scene," "Council Bluffs Today," "District News," and "Game of the Week." In order to put it all together, students learned to run cameras, give and/or take orders, and work as a team.

"I'd say the most important person is the one who runs the mixer machine," said Tracey Graham '87. "He has to tell the cameraman which way to move, to focus on something, and combine the different cameras so the subject can be seen from different views. He is important, but we all have to work as a team."

All in all, it was a struggle to survive in art and media classes, but students and teachers continued to create.



WITH ONE EYE OPEN, Roger Schnitker holds the video camera carefully. During the year, Schnitker videotaped 40 to 45 events for media class.

BEARING DOWN ON HER WORK, Mary Ann Francis carefully cuts around a bear on posterboard for an elementary school poster.

SIZING UP HIS CREATION, Rob Tompkins waits patiently in clothing class as Kathy Westphal fixes his hem. He made the dress for his sister.

ALL WIRED UP, electronics student Marcus Barrett concentrates on an oscillator circuit to be used in a radio.

WITH A TWIST OF THE WRIST, Carla Bowlds serves at the National Honor Society banquet in the cafe March 26.



HOME ECONOMICS CLUB FRONT ROW:
Carla Bowlds, Mary Fitch. BACK ROW:
Julie McCellan, Martha Fitch.



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Practical students prepare for ...

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hen the time comes

Room 136 grew deathly still as students watched malicious hands dump their week-old babies into the trash.

Students in instructor Patty Ford's Child Care class had just finished a week caring for their "egg" children, which were now being disposed of.

The project began with a fake pregnancy, which lasted only a few weeks. After the eggs were "born," students spent a week caring for the eggs as they would real babies. In the end, students learned a lesson worth remembering.

"I learned the responsibility of being a parent," said Teri Caputo '88. "I gave my egg baths, washed it with a washcloth whenever it got a spot,

made clothes for it, and put it to bed in the refrigerator."

Though some assignments were less involved, all practical arts students gained experiences that would be useful later.

Foods students kept a two-week diary of the food they ate so a dietitian from Jenny Edmundsun Hospital could advise them of changes they should make in their diets.

"I found out that I eat very poorly," said Trisha Ira '87. "I don't get enough vitamins because I eat too much junk food, like candy bars, which I didn't always write down."

Housing students also gained valuable knowledge. In hopes of giving students advice in building their homes and offices, Mrs. Ford had stu-

dents draw their dream homes and then visit a construction site.

"I learned what to look for in a house," said Nancy Wagner '87. "You have to be sure that the rooms aren't too small for the furniture you have, and it's important to have convenient entrances, so you don't have to walk all around the house to get from one room to another."

Industrial arts students learned about houses in even more detail.

"Architectural Drafting gave me the basics of building, such as symbols, footings, high beams, and floor plans," said Adrienne Lee '87. "This was helpful because I'm going to major in architecture and minor in interior design."

The basics were also important in woods classes, where students first learned safety, then went on to the joints of wood construction, and finally, built what they wanted, from gun cabinets to stereo stands to waterbeds.

"In wood shop I learned things I'll need to know later on in my career in construction," said Chris Drustrup '87. "My father is a carpenter who has taught me a lot, and the class gave me good practice."

Electronics also provided a link to career choices.

"I've had a chance to use the creative skills I'll use later in engineering," said Marcus Barrett '87. "When I created a simple circuit, it impressed a lot of people, including my teacher."



USING A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE, Kelly Heizer sands a dresser she brought from home to fulfill an assignment on refinishing for Housing.

THE BATHROOM! Scott Widtfeldt shows his house plan to Heather Proctor. The plan was a project for Architectural Drafting students.



SOME FINISHING TOUCHES. Rich Bierce meticulously sands his hand-made woods project, a table, in Basic Woods.

Unscientific shenanigans

Scientists enjoy experimentation in ...

Here's
to future
days

Seeking a diversion from the chemistry doldrums, Kevin Marsh '88, carefully loaded a watch glass with a mountain of sulfur and heated a spatula of sulfur.

Soon, the lab tabletop burst into flames, as did a bunsen burner, the watch glass, and spatula. Rather than disposing of the burnt sulfur in a sink, Marsh dumped it into the trash, setting that on fire, too. Fortunately for Marsh, Steve Jensen '88, stomped out the flame, and instructor Dennis Schmoker shrugged off the incident.

"It was funny watching him trying to put the flames out," Schmoker said. "Rather than getting mad, I embarrassed

and poked fun at him."

Like Marsh, many science students admitted they goofed off in class, especially when doing experiments.

"One day we were messing around in biology. I poured water on a hot plate and it sizzled like a Mexican jumping bean," said Beth Tangeman '89. "Soon the whole class started doing it, even though Mr. Forsee was just outside the door."

Physics students also found altering experiments could have amusing results.

"After one experiment, a bunch of people in our class took a ball-bearing and rolled it in the table ruts," said Shelly Kromminga '87. "The object

was to see who could get the ball in certain ruts. It was supposed to be like a game of golf."

An advanced physics cart experiment gave Jeff Hahn '87, the opportunity to kid around in class.

According to Mike Boone '87, Hahn used two carts like roller skates and proceeded to roll up and down the science wing hallway.

"He got away with it for a while," Boone said, "but it was funny to see the expression on his face when Mr. Freeman caught up with him."

Zoology student Dennis Kirlin took advantage of instructor Terrell Clinton's proposition to take home his dissect-

SURPRISE! For amusement, Rick Vandenburg scares Christy Walter as she dissects a crayfish in zoology.

ed clam. Kirlin, however, found a different home for it.

"I thought the clam would make an excellent locker decoration," said Kirlin. "A small scum layer remained after I washed it, but otherwise the smell wasn't too bad."

Although science was usually a serious subject, students discovered insane diversions could not only relieve the pressure, but also add excitement to otherwise monotonous experiments.



CREATING A RIVER. Earth Science students Craig Price, Candy Reynolds, James Bronson, and Walt Furler time the rate of sand erosion.



PARTY ALL THE TIME! The sixth hour Advanced Physics class averaged a party every two weeks. Craig Ryan helps instructor Mick Freeman celebrate his birthday.

DANGER ZONE. For eye protection from chemicals, Ellen Rounds wears goggles as she works with a crucible. The experiment's purpose was to determine copper sulfide's formula.





A BETTER VIEW. To get a better look at the skeleton in the science room, Human Biology student Denise Mackey stretches to remove the skull.

PREPARING FOR TAKE-OFF. By propelling carts, Melody Massih, Shelly Kromminga, and Mandy Hansen measure the force of a rubber band in physics.



SCIENCE CLUB. FRONT ROW: Kevin Marsh, Amy Wheeler, Amy French, Sarah Markuson, Laurie Milford, Heidi Hamilton, Joni Huebner. ROW 2: Scott Dietz, Craig Ryan, Dan Wolcke, Jeff Kenkel, Holly Pechacek,

Tim Pilger, Kevin Henningsen, Dennis Schmoker. BACK ROW: Eric Vogart, Tim Anderson, Brian Wyant, Mike Feller, Nick Tornabane, Pam Laudon, Todd Clark, Mick Freeman.

VECTORIZED. Roger Schnitker, Mike Boone, and Mike Feller decorate the physics room with a sign "borrowed" from the Civic during the Metro Holiday Tournament.

ANYWHERE FROM 25 CENTS TO \$50 was the going price for an egg during a DECA fundraiser. Mike Carithers and Paul Vandenberg practice their sales pitch on Joanne Carithers, Mike's mother.



HITTING THE BOOKS, Dawn Blunk files sales slips at Elliot Beechcraft.

WITH SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to new DECA members, Laurent Comes and Penny Pearson deliver carnations.



Coop classes teach working students ...

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Several slick solutions

You're a checker at Hy-Vee working in the express lane when your register jams and you drop a dozen eggs. Angry women begin to scream at you. But all this is drowned out by the boss's nagging voice, "Can't you work any faster?"

Worried? Not if you were a student in one of the coop classes.

Overcoming or completely avoiding such problems was

PUTTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER. Mike Carrithers, instructor Roger Pearson, and Todd Devereaux help Laurent Comes come up with an advertising slogan.

the focus of the Food Service, Marketing and Retailing, Trade and Industries (T&I), and Office Education classes.

Unlike other coop classes, T&I dealt with the safety aspect of working in carpentry, construction, or factories.

"I work at Sutherlands so I get to see how important the things we learn in class really are," said Stacy McKeever '87. "I don't actually use the machines myself, but I could if I had to. I never knew there was so much to think about before using something as simple as a drill."

While T&I students learned

to avoid problems, Marketing and Retailing students learned to create a new product and solve the problem of marketing it while keeping cost down.

In one assignment, instructor Roger Pearson had students design a hog confinement bill-board.

"My building was called Heavy Harry's Pig Hotel and the slogan on my billboard was Get Hefty with Heavy Harry," said Todd Devereaux '87. "I worked for about two hours coloring and designing it."

Marketing and Retailing students kept the creative juices flowing outside the classroom

by becoming members of DECA.

DECA members swept the Area 4 and 5 Leadership Conference Feb. 11, bringing home 13 trophies, the largest number won by an AL DECA to date.

To win those trophies, DECA members engaged in role playing with judges. For example, one DECA member had to pretend she was an assistant manager of an entertainment section of a large department store. It was her job to make sure the store carried the latest in electronics.

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LETTING HER FINGERS DO THE WALKING, Heidi Hostetter alphabetizes a pile of cancelled bills. Hostetter worked at Jennie Edmundson Hospital as part of her Office Education Class.

"THAT WILL BE \$4.12 PLEASE," Lisa Pierson says with a helpful smile as she checks in the express lane at Hy-Vee. Pierson worked at Hy-Vee for over a year as part of the coop program.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING, Scott Charleston removes a customer's snow tires at Oberman's gas station under the T&I program.

LOUISIANA BOUND. Before national competition in New Orleans, DECA member Nancy Butts packs for a week-long trip.



JUST DOUBLE CHECKING Penny Pearson, instructor Roger Pearson, and Don Miller add up the scores after a DECA fundraiser at Brunswick Bowl.



Slick solutions

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STOCKING UP AFTER A SALE, Stacy McKeever fills the shelves at Sutherlands after Memorial Day weekend under the T&I program.



She noticed that CD's were becoming very popular, but the store didn't carry them because they were expensive.

When the store's main competitor started to carry a line of CD's, the DECA member's problem was to convince her boss to start carrying a line.

Nancy Butts '87, Gary Clouse '87, and Bob Kill '87, solved such problems with enough expertise to advance to national competition April

28, only the third group of students to represent AL at the conference in 26 years.

"My class really helped me do well," said Clouse. "With about 25 kids in the class, we could bounce ideas off each other to get ready for competition. I learned how to make my ideas more appealing."

Although students in the Office Education classes saw an increase in technology with three new Prototype word processing typewriters, they also learned the real difference came from interacting with people, especially their teacher Mrs. Julie O'Doherty.

"My job is a lot easier with

the Office Ed. class," said Dawn Blunk '87. "I can go to Mrs. O'Doherty with problems.

"Earlier this year, I wanted to ask for a raise, but I didn't know how. Mrs. O'Doherty told me to accentuate my job skills and the positive things I've accomplished at the office. I didn't get the raise but only because it went to someone with more seniority. I probably couldn't even have asked why I didn't get the raise if it weren't for her."

Regardless of which coop class students took, they learned to work without constant supervision by learning to avoid or solve problems.

THE THRILL OF VICTORY fills the air as senior DECA members Gary Clouse, Bob Kill, and Mike Carrithers celebrate their district wins at a breakfast held at Harvest Inn.



DECA. FRONT ROW: Lisa Christiansen, Traci Brunow, Lori Barritt, Penny Pearson, Sara Harvey, Paulette Farber, Dawn Teeters, Jodi Larkin. ROW 2: Vicki Fuller, Kristine Card, Stephannie VanScoy, Don Miller,

Jenni Clinton, Donna Birdsong, Teresa West, Wendy Sholtz. ROW 3: Dawn Pitzer, Nancy Butts, Gary Clouse, Bob Kill, Mike Carrithers, Roger Pearson, Paul Vandenberg, Laurent Comes, Todd Devereaux.

"IT COSTS HOW MUCH TO RENT A BILL BOARD?" Sara Harvey, BJ Couburn, and Eric Hubbert discuss advertising possibilities in their marketing class.

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Students tell story of problems in ...

Here's
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erciless mathematics

When *Time* magazine reported in January that U.S. students' math skills were well below those of students in other nations, teachers and students expressed opposing viewpoints.

While teachers pointed out the unfairness of the study, students said math teachers could do a better job.

Teachers contended that it was unfair to compare the U.S. with other nations.

"That study is like comparing apples and oranges," said Connie Byrnes, lead math teacher. "Take Japan for instance. They go to school for 240 days as compared to our 180 days.

"You also need to know that teachers in Japan have only three classes compared

to teachers here who have six. Since Japanese teachers have more contact with students, they tend to do better."

Many students said, however, that math was their hardest subject and their ITED scores proved them right, with math ranking lower than any other subject in overall percentiles.

Students blamed the problem on several things, such as repetitious curriculum and lack of time spent on certain concepts.

"Every year we learn the same things," said Katie McGuire '88. "We already knew how to cross multiply and find ratios, yet this year in geometry, they taught it to us like it was a brand new idea."

In an attempt to make math less repetitious, the math department spent the year re-

writing its curriculum to prepare for new books to be used in the fall of 1987.

"It's been ten years since the math department has gotten new books and we thought it was time the curriculum be updated," Mrs. Byrnes said.

But repetition wasn't the only problem in math classes. Some students said teachers went over concepts too fast, and most said the best solution was to seek extra help.

"At times, math was hard for me because the teacher went over things faster than I could understand them," said Jody Randall '89, "so I got some extra help on proofs."

Students said the greatest problem, however, was that they didn't understand the relevance of math. In a poll of 68 students, 39 said that they

"I KNOW I CAN DO THIS!" Not letting algebra get the best of him, Bob Brown works with variables during his first hour class.

didn't see how math would help them in their lives.

"Sometimes you learn formulas and you do all of these problems with one set of formulas," said Melanie Lovstad '87, "and then they give you story problems and you have no idea which formula goes with which problem because you don't know how to relate the formulas to real life."

To help correct this problem, the Area Education Agency 13 applied for an \$86,000 grant from the Federal government to help train local teachers to show students how mathematical concepts can be used in daily life and in the technical jobs of the future.



ON A BREAK from the Creighton Math Field Day, Mike Cooper and Matt Kelly oppose a computer on campus in a game of tic-tac-toe.



TANGENT TROUBLES. "What do I do next?" asks Craig Price of Adrian Hoag as they help each other during a geometry study period.

CIRCLES, CIRCLES EVERYWHERE! Dave Tornabane explains major and minor arcs to the rest of his sixth hour geometry class.





ESCAPING AT LAST. After their math test at Creighton Field Day, Heidi Hamilton and Linda Bottrell talk before beginning their next test. Out of three tests, no one from AL placed.

THREE HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE. Instructor Ron Lakatos explains square roots to Kathy Ratahak and Randy Points during seventh hour.

Sweatin' for that swing

Seeking perfection, singers end up ...

All
keyed
up

"It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" — that song was the New Design's theme for 1986-1987 performances, but getting "That Swing" into all of the choir's songs took more than fabulous outfits and flashy smiles.

As they struggled to perfect every note and step at tedious and exhausting Monday night practices, members learned it would take patience and perseverance to achieve the polished look and harmonious sound they craved.

Even after long practices, swing choir members were willing to go that extra mile. In January, they traveled 90 miles to the Denison Swing Choir Festival to be coached further by experts in both song and dance.

"On this song called 'Smile' our choreography coach was really hyper and he exaggerated everything we did," said Linda Bottrell '87. "He got up there and said, 'This is what

you guys look like,' and he had really dead expressions.

"Then he showed us what we should look like. He freaked out and emphasized everything almost too much, but he got the message across."

Even with all the practice and coaching, moves that looked easy to an audience often created butterflies in performers' tummies.

"I was so nervous the first time we performed together because I didn't want to mess up and let anyone down," said Sarah Markuson '88. "It was really scary because I wanted everything to go perfectly. I was also really worried about people seeing my hands and knees shaking."

Swing choir practices weren't the only ones that were long and sometimes frustrating, but almost all choir members felt the end result was well worth the effort.

"When I first saw the 'Alleluiah Chorus,' I thought 'Oh my

gosh! We're never going to get this!'" said Darren DeRoos '89, varsity choir member. "We had to practice about a month to get it, and then we had to practice it with the orchestra. I felt as if I could do it in my sleep.

"When we performed it, thought, it went really well, so I felt the work was worthwhile."

Practice and performance also paid off at competitions such as All-State Choir Contest, where Travis Walker '89, Jeff Brown '88, Teresa Jaussi '88, Kim Capel '88, and Brian Wyant '87, rose above 177 other applicants to be selected for that prestigious choir.

When the State Choir Contest came up in January, singers struggled to achieve a Division I rating.

"James Holly, one of our main soloists, barely had a voice after several performances of 'Fantasticks,' so we had to prepare someone else for his solo, and Tanya

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"SHAKE IT UP, BABY!" Travis Walker, Kim Capel, and Scott Walker rehearse "Twist and Shout" for the Roadshow.



'TIS THE SEASON. Brian Wyant, Tracy Machmuller, and Jeff Matter perform at a concert Dec. 9.



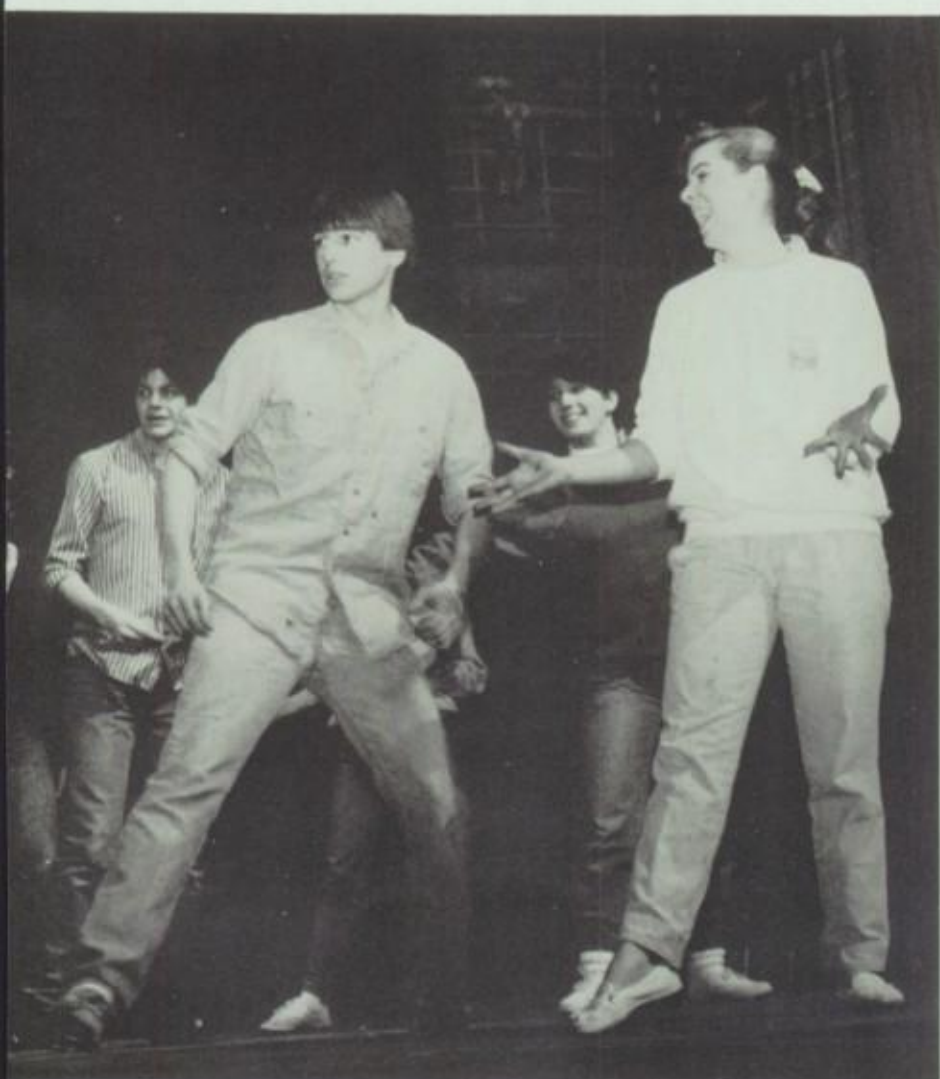
TENOR AND SOPRANO CONCERT CHOIR. FRONT ROW: Amy Feekin, Agnes Kavanaugh, Dawn Shipley, Tracy Machmuller, Debbie Dykeman, Kim Capel, Kristin Rathman. ROW 2: Scott Walker, Kristi Pedersen, Lisa Laurito, Susan Hestness, Arlynda Neff, Debbie Blodgett, Tracy Owen, Teri Fender. ROW 3: Lee

Spann, Jeff Matter, Kristi Binkley, Jean Gibson, Sarah Markuson, Holly Pechacek, Kim Steenbock, Shawn Leahy. BACK ROW: John Larsen, James Holly, Tim Pilger, Travis Walker, Brian Wyant, Pam Laudon, Lisa Menuet, Cathleen Hurley, Heidi Boone.



BASS AND ALTO CONCERT CHOIR. FRONT ROW: Amy Fenner, Traci Leeper, Teresa Jaussi, Tammy Musgrave, Gretchen Johnson, Mindy Harmon, Lori Ettleman. ROW 2: Laurie Milford, Carla Bowlds, Dan Wiechelman, Doug Hoover, Tami Tiller, Cindy Voss, Angela Burgett, Vanessa Neff. ROW 3: Mike Boone, Scott

Dietz, Rob King, Chris Pleake, Kevin Wright, Todd Thies, Mindy Abel, Mari Liggett, Katrina Wardlow. BACK ROW: Shane Sanders, Tim Anderson, Jeff Brown, Joe Mass, Doug Gray, Dennis Kirlin, Andie Stahl, Tanya Rocheleau, Greta Zimmerman, Linda Bottrell.



BROADWAY, HERE WE COME! Swing choir partners Shane Sanders and Cindy Voss rehearse choreography at a Monday night practice.

ALL WIPED OUT after a long night of fun and games, Linda Bottrell dozes off at the choir lock-in Nov. 21 in the gym.

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Sweatin' for that swing

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Rocheleau had a sore throat so we had to teach someone else her part at the last minute," said choir director Lee Spann. "We were really nervous about all this, but in the end, these two and several other students who had been ill all week did get to perform."

Along with practices, performances, and competitions came good times.

"Performing at the new mall was a lot of fun because we got out of classes, and after we were finished, we went out to lunch at all the new fast food places," said Gretchen Johnson '88. "It was a really nice break from school."

Sometimes just getting to a performance was an adventure in itself.

"We try to cram as many people into one car as possible," said Shane Sanders '88. "Then everyone's outfit gets really messed up, and it's hysterical. One time we fit eight people into one car."

A lock-in in the big gym on

Nov. 21 provided more memorable moments as 45 students stayed up all night playing games, dancing, watching movies, and, of course, singing. The purpose of the night was to develop closer friendships which would promote better working relationships.

Some students had unforgettable experiences that night.

"We were playing Human Monopoly, and I drew Mr. Spann as my playing piece. It was hysterical to wheel him around the board as if he were a toy," said Cindy Voss '87.

Although choir members had to overcome some obstacles, all agreed that tough practices, rewarding performances, and special friendships made it a great year to work together to "get that certain swing."

"HOLD HIM!" Tanya Rocheleau yells as she and Traci Leeper throw a cake in John Larsen's face seventh hour on his eighteenth birthday.



NEW DESIGN. FRONT ROW: Carla Bowlds, Traci Leeper, Amy Fenner, Tracy Machmuller, Kim Capel, Dawn Shipley, Kristi Pederson. ROW 2: Brooke Ratley, Cindy Voss, Jean Gibson, Scott Walker, Missy McKinley, Rob King, Sue Hestness. ROW 3: Jeff Matter, Mike

Boone, James Holly, Travis Walker, Sarah Markuson, Linda Bottrell, Holly Pechacek. BACK ROW: Shane Sanders, Jeff Brown, Joe Mass, Tanya Rocheleau, Tim Anderson, Doug Hoover, Todd Thies, Chris Pleake.



YOUNG DESIGN. FRONT ROW: Kim Will, Shawna Benson, Judy Talty, Tina Nelson, Ricco Siasoco, Sarah Schultz, Teri Fender, Robin King. BACK ROW: Matthew Harris, Ke-

vin Henningson, Shane Potter, Joy Andrews, Janelle Misner, Matt Brentlinger, Jeremy Smothers, Eric Wyant.



ALL AT ONCE, James Holly juggles oranges before the first act of *Fantasticks* on opening night.

ICING ON THE CAKE. Holly Pechacek puts final touches on John Larsen's birthday cake. The New Design celebrated his birthday Feb. 3.



GOING OVER IT ONE LAST TIME, Lisa Menuey and Kevin Wright practice "Sing for Joy" for All-City Vocal Festival during fourth hour.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Ricco Siasoco, Jean Gibson, and Teresa Jaussi go over lines before the matinee performance of *Little Mary Sunshine*.

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Balance, attitude, and fun make for ...

Sweet sound of success

October 8. 8:17 a.m. The football field is muddy from the night before. The temperature is 39 degrees, but the wind makes it feel much colder. P.E. classes decide to stay in, but marching band members quickly don coats, mittens, and stocking caps, determined not to let the weather keep them off the practice field.

"It was freezing out there," said Carol Perfect '87. "The cold wind whipped around and froze us all."

As fall turned to winter, band members found it would be hard to top last year, but they did it by developing a new found balance and attitude.

According to director Robert Robuck, one section seemed to dominate the band in the past, with more members and a better sound, but each section of the 1986 band complemented the other.

"We sounded great," said Scott Walker '89. "Each section was equal."

Along with balance came a positive attitude.

"Everyone was willing to work to make themselves better, and it helped us play well," said Shawna Benson '90.

Keeping that kind of attitude wasn't always easy, though, especially when the band felt cheated in October.

The band was scheduled to

play at Valleyfest, a statewide competition by invitation only, but during the week of the contest, it was announced that Homecoming dance was scheduled for the same day. So members had to choose: play at a contest for which they had been preparing for a year, or attend the dance.

"We really wanted to go to Valley," said Lynette Larsen
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UP FRONT and on time, Laurie Milford and director Bob Robuck lead the band at an early morning practice.

TRAINING THEIR TUBAS. Every note counts as Russel Borwick and Dustin Kerns play during first hour class.



THE THREE MUSKETEERS. Playing their trumpets in unison, Karl Hundtofte, Jeff Griffis, and Jeff Mack practice on the baseball field during first hour.

PIANO WOMAN. Concentrating on her music, Sarah Markuson plays backup for a pep band practice. The keyboard was purchased to help pep and jazz band keep time.





LET'S GO, TEAM! Jeff Brown and Shawna Benson play at a pep assembly.

PUTTING HER BEST FOOT FORWARD, Jean Schnack practices for the color guard performance at the Homecoming game.



ROUND AND ROUND, Toni Spoto and Sarah Markuson ice skate at a band party held at Ak-sar-ben in January.



BAND. BRASS AND PERCUSSION. FRONT ROW: Tonya Trimmer, Shelly Leeper, Jim Brown, Carl Perfect, Christine Walter, Curt Winchester, Cory Powers, Kim Knerim. **ROW 2:** Andy Caputo, Jim Mathisen, Jeff Griffis, Tim Parks, Jim Depew, Dustan Kerns, Rick Miller, Tony Cook.

ROW 3: Chad Pechacek, Barry Wilson, Mike Moats, Jeff Brown, Bill White, Travis Walker, Fred Murray, Cathleen Hurley, Collin Holcomb. **BACK ROW:** Rob Thomas, James Holly, Jeff Mack, Mike Boone, Steve Perry, Bill Berner, Karl Hundtofte, Matt Moline, Kenny Arrick.



BAND. WOODWINDS. FRONT ROW: Michelle Andrews, Susan Weidner, Dorrie Miller, Jean Schnack, Scott Walker, Kim Capel, Amy Lou Brewer, Krissy Love, Lynette Larsen. **ROW 2:** Missy Wehrli, Katrina Nelson, Shawna Benson, Elaine Perfect, Julie Cook, Cari Essink, Michelle Timm, Jenny Evans, Tracy Anderson, Toni

Spoto. **ROW 3:** Andrea Ellingsen, Lori Schultz, Michelle Bottrell, Lisa Hough, Gregg Smith, Shelly Illif, Caryn Putnam, Rochelle Flynn, Traci Leeper, Lisa Lee. **BACK ROW:** Nathan Klaus, Emily Wilmarth, Jay Christensen, Chuck Kane, Jeff Christensen, Julie Mack, Lisa Gray, Kris Miller, Sarah Markuson, Laurie Milford.

Sweet success

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'89. "That was our goal, but we wanted to go to Homecoming, so we sacrificed."

The administration's inability to help them upset members so much that they booed Principal Fred Frick at a pep assembly.

But the band got over its disappointments as other contests came along and members prepared for their trip to St. Louis in May.

"Going to St. Louis is really going to be fun," said Andrea Ellingsen '89. "It will help us know each other better."

Like the marching band, jazz band worked hard to improve, earning a Division I rating and placing itself in the top 12 bands in the state.

"Jazz band was like a jam session," said Collin Holcomb '88. "Once we learned our music, we didn't stop. We had to make it better, make it ours."

The orchestra also improved, adding three new members and two new con-

tests, in which Musicians earned Division I ratings.

"Before, orchestra seemed like a hobby, but this year we became a real competing team," said Richard Poulson '89.

Like the musicians they complemented, Color Guard worked hard for better performance, winning a Division II at West Harrison.

JAMMIN'! Center stage at the Roadshow, Jean Schnack, Lisa Lee, and Toni Spoto play "Jet Set."

GIVIN' HIS ALL, Travis Walker plays his trumpet during a pep band practice in the gym.



JAZZ BAND 1. FRONT ROW: Jean Schnack, Lisa Lee, Laurie Milford, Toni Spoto, Jim Brown, Scott Walker. ROW 2: Rob Thomas, Mike Moats, Jeff Griffiths, Travis Walker, Curt Winchester.

BACK ROW: Collin Holcomb, Karl Hundtofte, Matt Moline, Jeff Mack, Bill White, Bryan Wyant, Kenny Arrick.



JAZZ BAND 2. FRONT ROW: Julie Cook, Carl Essink, Jenny Evans, Tracy Andersen, Krissy Love, Lynette Larsen. ROW 2: Tonya Trimmer, Michelle Timm, Elaine Perfect, Emily Wilmarth,

Jim Depew, Cory Powers, Andy Caputo. BACK ROW: Chuck Kain, Lisa Gray, Craig Ryan, Bill Berner, Collin Holcomb, Geoff Christensen, Nathan Klaus.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN. Picking tunes for the trip back from State, Ken Ar-rick and Kurt Winchester celebrate their Division I rating.



PLAYING HER HARP OUT, Gretchen Johnson perfects a new song at a before-school practice.



ORCHESTRA. FRONT ROW: Kristen Rathman, Eli Neff, Lisa Birdsong, Martha Fitch, Sandy Peman, Vanessa Neff, Wendi Wendland. ROW 2: Robin King, Kristy Borwick, Tris Ranney, Lisa Westphal, Gretchen Johnson, Chris

Rhodd, Janelle Misner. BACK ROW: Jim Brown, Richard Poulson, Heidi Boone, Scott Dietz, Shawn Leahy, Jeremy Smothers, Colleen Carson.



COLOR GUARD. FRONT ROW: Jean Schnack, Jodi Potter, Lynne Califf, Kim Jerrett. ROW 2: Missy Wherli, Lisa Christensen, Tami Thoren,

Judy Richardson. BACK ROW: Cathleen Hurley, Tracy Owen, Brenda Putnam, Renee Fetrow, Katie McGuire.

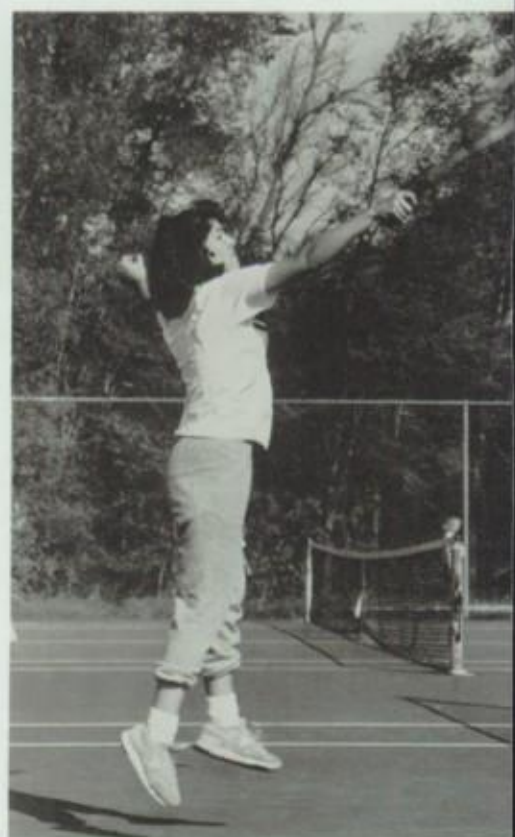


JUST ONE MORE! To build the perfect body, Tim Knauss strengthens his abdominals by doing the Russian Twist. Knauss lifted weights in seventh hour P.E. to keep in shape for wrestling.



WATCH THAT PEDESTRIAN! The simulator tests the skills of Jani Bintz, Beth Supernaw, and Cindy Holly.

SMASH! Heidi Sandy scores a point in a P.E. tennis match.



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or better and worse

P.E. and driver ed make changes ...

*All
keyed
up*

Whether it was letting off some steam in P.E., or hopping in a driver ed car for an often-perilous ride on the streets of C.B., students were "keyed up" and ready to go.

Both departments underwent big changes in the '86-'87 year, which both teachers and students felt were for the better in P.E., and for the worse in driver ed.

Upper and lower grades were separated for the first time in P.E., combining freshmen and sophs on A day and juniors and seniors on B day. Because students found themselves with others more on their ability level, they were more at ease.

"I'm really glad we didn't

get put with seniors," said Barb Paulson '90. "It's a lot less embarrassing for freshmen who aren't as skilled.

Many students liked the change for social reasons.

"I got put with a lot more people my own age. We have a great time talking and getting crazy," said Nancy Butts '87. "One day we got so into our talking while we were leaning on a ping pong table that when one of us got up, the whole thing toppled over."

Students were "keyed up" for driver ed in a different way. Budget cuts caused the class to be offered only during second semester, and this caused a rush to register, with only 180 out of about 300 finally able to enroll in the class.

Because the class was required to get a license before age 18, not getting into the class presented sophs with

bleak alternatives.

Younger sophs, who had last chance at the course, could either wait a year or pay big bucks for a summer or night class.

"My birthday was so late I would have had to wait until my junior year to get my license," said Dennis Kirlin '89, "so I spent \$85 and took the summer class."

Waiting until the junior year to take driver ed was not the best solution either.

"Not being able to drive is so embarrassing because when we go out, I always have to depend on other people for rides," said Renee Dodds '88.

All in all, changes in the physical and driver education departments affected not so much what students learned, but when they learned it and ultimately affected students' satisfaction with school.

IT TAKES TOTAL CONCENTRATION. Firing a shot impossible to return, Bill Vandenberg scores two points in a game of P.E. handball.



KEEPING HER EYES ON THE BALL, Shary Judkins stays on her toes to return her opponent's trick serves in a game of P.E. table tennis.

THE DREADED EVALUATION. Instructor Tom Stull critiques John McCoy's driving, telling him to watch steering and lane position.

All
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Wary students soon learn to relish ...

Taking a byte of Apple

Except for their occasional beeps, they invaded silently, soon occupying every wing of the building. Some students marveled over them, while others feared them. By year's end, most learned to love them.

Julie Rhoades '88, was typical of the many students who reluctantly grew close to these electronic enigmas called computers.

"My computer really frightened me once," said Rhoades. "It was beeping up a storm, and all of a sudden, my words turned to jibberish. I thought, 'How am I going to pay for this?' But it was just computer language. Now that I understand computers, they are entertaining!"

Computers were popping up everywhere. From programming and keyboarding classes, they moved to economics, special education, journalism, and a library lab.

In the special education suite, students were hesitant to work on computers, but teachers said that after a few weeks, students couldn't wait to practice spelling on them.

Containing eight Apple IIe's, a tiny lab opened in the library in January. Within two weeks, about 11 students a day came in, and several teachers had already reserved the lab for their classes.

"I took my chemistry class up to use programs which helped review for the semester test," said Chris Fink, sci-

ence teacher. "I think the kids really benefitted from it."

To learn the basics, students took Programming I and found computers could be fun during a graphics unit.

"After all the effort, I was so happy when my pitcher finally wound up and threw his ball," said John Larsen '87.

Those considering careers in computer science could take Programming II.

"I took computers last year and actually found this course easier," said Curt Winchester '87. "We found short cuts in our programs, even though they took three or four pages."

After a ten-year absence, economics was offered with the aid of computers.

"Many of the concepts are

difficult for students to grasp," said instructor Larry Brown, "but the computers actually give students examples of how the concepts work."

Units included personal budgeting and business operations. In one project, students pretended to own a shoe store, and given sales for the year, computed profits and commissions.

Finally, new McIntoshes helped *Echoes* staffers operate more like professionals, as they used the computers to set type themselves.

"The Mac's allowed us to add stories at the last minute without big hassles and increase the size of our paper from 12 to 14 pages," said Taryn Bixler '87 editor.



NO DISTRACTIONS, PLEASE! Todd Knauss listens to his keyboarding teacher dictate letters.

SHOE STORE OWNER Jeff Matter points out sales so that his economics class can compute commissions.

LETTING HIS FINGERS DO THE READING, instructor Dan Marshall reads a student's assignment after it was printed on Marshall's new \$8,000 braille printer as Wayne Moore types his English paper into a new special education computer.





PRETEND METEOROLOGISTS Clay Seaman and Brian Schlunberg use a program to predict the weather with their freshman earth science class in the crowded library lab.

"AND THEN, HIS HEAD BLOWS UP!" Cory Ranslem explains his graphics program to his Computer Programming I class.



BLOWN AWAY, Chad Hathaway, Lisa Davis, Cari Essink, and Dan Rogers learn about weather fronts from an earth science program.

A LITTLE FRIENDLY ADVICE, Mindy Brewer and Barb Leu format Brewer's story on a new McIntosh before an Echoes deadline.

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Service clubs perform a variety of ...

Lend a helping hand

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WANTED: Caring, compassionate students, willing to spend free time at care centers working with the elderly, collect food for the needy, swim with quadraplegics, pass out programs, tutor students, and decorate the gym.

All of these jobs were performed by members of AL's service organizations, including Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Foreign Exchange Club, and Courtesy Club.

Key Clubbers spent Saturdays as therapeutic recreational aides to quadraplegics at the YMCA, playing water sports such as volleyball and

just plain splashing around.

"It really made my day knowing that they enjoyed us being there," said Corey Ranslem '88. "One little boy cried because he had to leave; another lady wanted to make sure we'd be back."

While some Key Clubbers volleyed for the ball, others became friends and companions to the elderly at local care centers, where they shared conversation, games, picture albums, and books with residents.

"I helped a blind lady play bingo one afternoon at Northcrest Care Center," said Beth Tangeman '89. "I told her she had won and she shrieked B-I-

N-G-O. She was so excited to receive a quarter for her win, which she probably saved for the vending machine.

"It was neat to be a part of such a small thing that brought her such pleasure."

As Key Club members entertained the old and handicapped, student council entertained the student body by decorating everything from walls to windows for Homecoming Week.

"We made posters and painted windows expressing the theme of Wild Life for each day of the week," said Nicole Askins '89. "I think it helped the students get into the spirit (continued on page 112)



PASSING THE FLAME ON, Mike Feller lights the candle of scholarship during the NHS induction as part of the ceremony in the auditorium.



"COME ON, MAN, GET THIS OVER WITH!" As Andrea Darveaux turns the blood bags to prevent separation, donor Jerry Cundiff looks away impatiently during the student council bloodmobile in the gym.

LOOKING FOR A WIN, Candy Minor spends free time playing bingo with Gladys Daugherty at Northcrest Care Center on a monthly Key Club visit to the center.





NOT JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE, president Todd Fox collects home-room donations to help the needy during the student council food drive.



FILLING 4000 BALLOONS, Debbie Dolezal and Kelly Halsted help decorate the big gym for Foreign Exchange Club.

WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE, Mike Boone serves Jill Tilley and her mother, Teresa, at the NHS banquet.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE CLUB. FRONT ROW: Lori Pitt, Melody Massih, Tracy Machmuller, Reo, Kelly Halsted, Debbie Dolezal, Andrea veaux, Shelly Brooks, Amy Wheeler. ROW 2: Brent Comes, Sarah Smock, Melanie Lovstad, dy Voss, Suzanne Claussen, Tami Tiller, ki Gilman, Amy French, Mindy Harmon. ROW

3: Leanne Ellis, Linda Bottrell, Laurie Milford, Denise Mackey, Scott Puntenev, Holly Pechacek, Tim Pilger, Gretchen Johnson, Ronni Shaw. BACK ROW: Jeff Hahn, Matt Johnson, Robert Tompkins, Nick Tornabane, Kristi Anderson, Brian Wyant, Craig Faust, Lisa Menuey, James Holly, Rob Thomas.



STUDENT COUNCIL. FRONT ROW: Amy Fenner, Juli Neff, Shelly Brooks, Ricco Siasoco, Tricia Gallup, Susan Schumacher. ROW 2: Jani Bintz, Kelly McKeown, Stacy Woods, Andrea Darveaux, Vicki Gilman, Sarah Schultz, Kristi Gift.

ROW 3: Jill Tilley, Cindy Voss, Nicole Askins, Suzanne Claussen, Jill Bintz, Scott Sanders, Lori French. BACK ROW: Gary Clouse, Todd Fox, Bill Engel, James Holly, Dennis Kirlin, Dave Schuett, Beth Tangeman.

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J obs for the joy

Student council fervor continued as members organized the bloodmobile and collected 70 pints of blood in November.

The following month student council members took up a collection of another kind, sponsoring a contest among homerooms to donate food, blankets, and toys for the needy. The council was so successful spurring competition that the homerooms gathered \$3000 worth of items.

After every can and toy was counted, the council awarded a pizza lunch to Bob Burns' homeroom, which averaged 32 items per student.

Student council was honored when president Todd Fox '87, received the Greater Omaha Area Youth Leader of the Year Award in October from the National Council on Youth Leadership. He attended a three-day seminar at the end of November in St. Louis.

"It is a good program be-

cause it recognizes people and their abilities," said Fox. "It encourages people to get involved and go for the gusto."

While student council provided services for students, the Foreign Exchange Club spent hours decking the halls for Christmas Dance.

Members thought everything was under control when someone noticed the photo backdrop was nowhere to be found. Fear struck the decorators as they remembered Robert Tompkins '87, was in charge, and he still hadn't arrived.

But at 11 a.m. relief surged through the workers, when Tompkins appeared with a wall papered set and 32 presents he had wrapped himself. As members watched him put the pieces into place, they were amazed at how cozy and natural the finished scenery looked, just like the corner of someone's living room.

"I had my own ideas and knew how I wanted it to look," said Tompkins.

Instead of resting on its laurels as an honorary group, National Honor Society tried to become more helpful by offering a tutoring service to students every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7 to 8 a.m. in the library.

NHS members were disappointed, though, that on the average only three to five students showed up for help each week.

"Most students who needed help weren't willing to get up at 7 a.m. to work on homework, or their teacher would help them after school," said Barb Leu '87.

Another service group, Courtesy Club, passed out programs, seated people at musicals and plays, served at open house, and ushered at graduation and the honors banquet.



KEY CLUB. FRONT ROW: Marsha Fauble, Molly Swank, Candy Minor, Dan Lepley. ROW 2: Corey Ranslem, Toby Ball, Beth Tangeman. BACK

ROW: Vonnie Tangeman, Tanya Rocheleau, Vince Brandts, Phil Brainard.



COURTESY CLUB. FRONT ROW: Mindy Harmon, Missy Pike, Laura Keim, Taryn Bixler, Debbie Dykeman. ROW 2: Pam Laudon, Tami Tiller, Ann

Kirlin, Heidi Hamilton, Christine Wagman. BACK ROW: Cindy Voss, Kristin Johnson, Leanne El Sheri Bowerbank.



OVERCOME WITH CURIOSITY, Mike Frieze waits anxiously as senior NHS members Heidi Hamilton, Ann Kirlin, and Jean Schnack look for a list of his most compatible girls. NHS sold the lists for \$1.50 after students filled out questionnaires which were matched by a computer dating service.

"NOW I GET IT!" Melanie Lovstad tutors Shelly Iliff with a geometry problem before school. Iliff was one of the few who took advantage of the NHS tutoring program.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. FRONT ROW: Joni Huebner, Melanie Lovstad, Heidi Hamilton, Denise Mackey, Susan Freeman, Lori Barritt, Tracy Machmuller, Shelly Brooks. ROW 2: Leanne Ellis, Sarah Smock, Linda Bottrel, Cindy Voss, Rob

Thomas, Laurie Milford, Nancy Butts, Chris Fink. BACK ROW: Christine Wagman, James Holly, Todd Fox, Mike Feller, Pam Laudon, Julie Shomshor, Mike Boone, Orville Miller.



SOME LIKE IT HOT. To help Key Club, Corey Ranslem and Toby Ball serve at the annual Key Club Chili Supper held in the cafeteria.



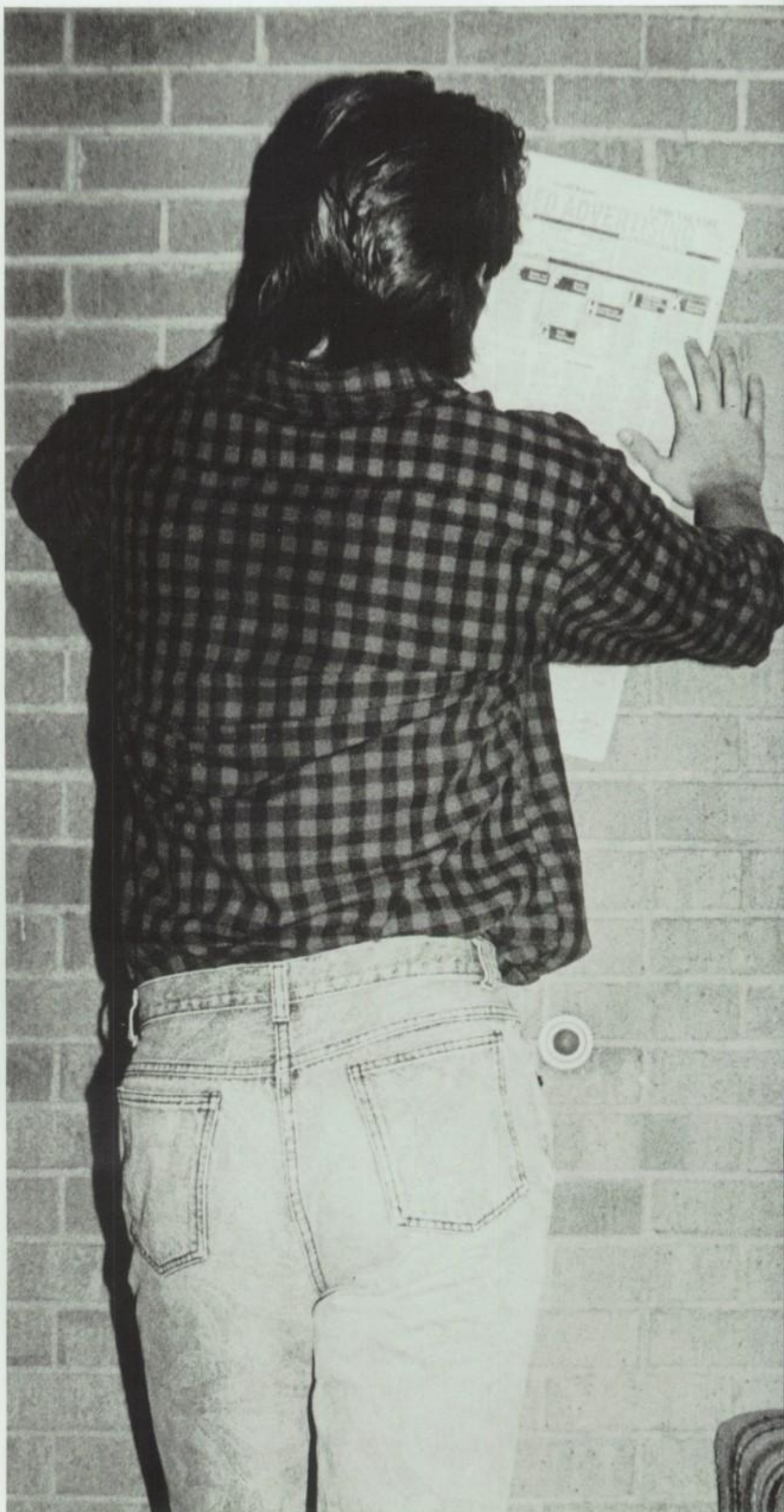
SPLASHING AROUND. Beth Tange plays water games with Patrick Shannon during one of Key Club's weekly visits with quadraplegics at the YMCA.

“ I didn't go to my parents when I first thought about quitting because I knew they would react negatively. My parents had great ambitions about 'Little Todd' going off to college and becoming a wonderful success, so it didn't seem that I'd get any support from them. Todd Sanders '88**”**



AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO RETURNING TO SCHOOL, dropout students can attend the Alternative Learning Center where Rebecca Haynes signs in for morning classes after leaving AL first semester.

SOON AFTER DROPPING OUT, most students find themselves studying the want ads seeking a job.



Dropping out

Bad experiences cause students to think about leaving

"In one week, I lost three people," said Mary Gepner, American history instructor, "three people gone from school because of poor attendance."

Mrs. Gepner was but one teacher who was concerned about a growing dropout rate, which was 4 percent by the end of the first semester and plagued the Senior Class, leaving it with only 280 students at the end of third quarter, down from 320 at the beginning of the year.

"It's all the things that are occurring in their lives," said vice principal Fred Maher. "It's family problems, work problems, boyfriend problems, girlfriend problems. Some are frustrated with the amount of work and some with the structure of school."

Dropping out most often occurred because of bad experiences students had at school, such as grades, poor attendance, and frequent suspension.

"I had a certain amount of insecurity about the entire thing," said Todd Sanders '88, who came close to leaving school. "School seemed like a waste of time, so I put it on the back burner. Then the assignments started snowballing, and before I knew it, I had a big mess on my hands."

According to Maher, being involved with drugs or certain people as friends sometimes created problems for a student.

"I got into a lot of trouble because I was hanging around with the wrong group of people," said Mark Thompson '87, a dropout who returned to school. "I didn't feel like I should have been in school, so I finally quit."

Dropping from school may have also been a result of financial concern.

"I didn't want to go anymore; I wanted to get a full time job instead," said Richie Donaldson, who quit in the eleventh grade. "I worked at Peony Park in the Royal Terrace Ballroom from 8 to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and from 8 to 1:30 p.m. on weekends. I would rather earn money than grades."

According to Maher, administrators followed a procedure of calling parents and making everyone aware of the problem before drop sheets were signed.

"I didn't go to my parents when I first thought about quitting because I knew my parents would react negatively," said Sanders. "My parents had great ambitions about 'little Todd'



"HOW MANY CREDITS DO I HAVE?" Don Barrett asks counselor Dick Schoeppner. Barrett was a sophomore who dropped out and returned.

going off to college and becoming a wonderful success, so it didn't seem likely that I'd get any support from them."

Maher said parents were often confused when they learned of the problem.

"I often get comments from them, such as, 'I don't know what to do,'" he said.

"They're frustrated and don't know where to turn."

For many students who wanted to drop, it was a battle, but they often succeeded.

"I came up with the idea of dropping out first," said Eric Stites, who left in the eleventh grade. "My parents didn't like it, but then I just kept skipping until I got into so much trouble I had to drop."

Donaldson said he made the decision to leave and then refused to budge, despite parental pressure.

"I told my mom and then I set my mind that I wasn't going to school, and she couldn't change it for me," he said. "They tried to keep me there, but I didn't want to stay."

According to Maher, the administration informed students of all the options available to those wanting to drop out. One such option was the General Education Development Test Battery (GED).

Equivalent to a high school diploma, the GED consisted of five tests: math, writing skills, social studies, and reading, according to Margot Fetrow from the Adult Learning Center (ALC).

"At the learning center we test only 18-year-olds with their class already graduated," she said.

Another option for those who couldn't handle AL or Tee Jay was CB schools' Alternative Learning Center.

"I attend ALC now, and I really like it," said Stites. "I'll probably go there until I get caught up on my credits for my junior year."

According to Maher, another option always open to students was that of returning to the public school system when they were ready, as Thompson did.

"I worked a lot and I paid my own rent," he said, "I wanted a career, and I knew I was never going to go anywhere without a diploma."

AIRBORNE, Ed Beal sails over a ramp in the Bluffs Super Foods parking lot. About 75 people gathered at the parking lot one sunny Saturday in March for a day of skateboarding.



SINGING HIS HEART OUT, Scott Walker performs Air Supply's "All Out of Love" for the Roadshow.

PLAYER AND COACH. Adrienne Lee, a player on AL's soccer team and assistant coach of an under-14 girls' soccer team, teaches 12-year-old Becky Whyte how to bump the ball off her head.



Getting the BEST from People

Some of us wanted to do it all, and refusing to do anything halfway, we inflicted incredible pressure on ourselves to do our best in everything.

One person who seemed to do everything well was Kari Hannan '90, who participated in cheerleading, took ballet 21 hours per week, danced in the Omaha production of the *Nutcracker*, and kept up a 3.8 G.P.A.

"I push myself really hard in ballet because I want to do better each time. In the *Nutcracker* I have gone from playing a party child to playing a lamb," said Hannan. "Being involved like I am is a lot of pressure, but I think it will help me later in life when I need to be responsible."

As if Amelia Johnson '88, didn't have enough to do with pom pon, tap and jazz classes, homework for a 3.8 G.P.A., and soccer practice, she took on the responsibility of coaching an under-14 girls' soccer team.

"If I wasn't so involved, I'd get bored," said Johnson. "When things get hectic, I take a break, so I don't get burned out."

To many of us, Todd Fox '87, student council president, represented the ultimate in involvement. He served as president of NHS and co-editor of the *Echoes*, taught church classes, worked at Bishops 10 hours per week, and still maintained his 3.9 G.P.A.

"If you do something well, every activity you're in dumps stuff on you. That can be a pain, especially when you've got a million other things to do," said Fox, "but I've learned to let things work themselves out when they get too intense."

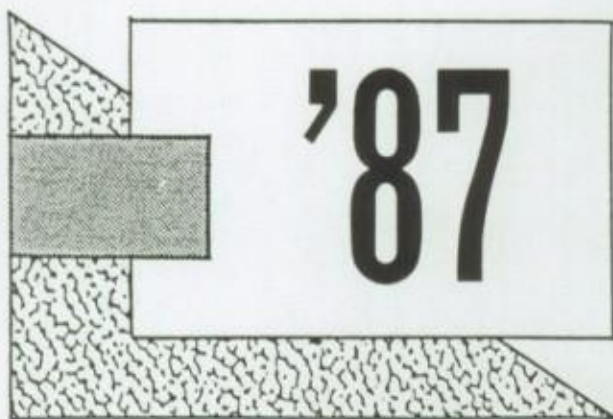
Hannan, Johnson, and Fox were just a few of those who used pressure — even sought it — to get the best from themselves.

"I'm under a lot of pressure, but I try to find time to relax every week. Homecoming week is busy but also relaxing because you can get dressed up and act crazy without looking too weird."

Cindy Voss



HALLWAY HOPPER Cindy Voss makes the most of Homecoming Week by dressing up as a rabbit on Wild Life Day.



HEART FILLED BOUQUET. Smiling widely, Missy Davis picks up her Valentine balloon-a-gram sent to her by her parents.

BRIGHT AND BEAMING, Susan Freeman hugs newspaper adviser Linda Smoley after Freeman's story on Dan Marshall, a blind special ed teacher, won first place in the state.



The best & worst of times

H·A·P·P·I·N·E·S·S

Giving cause for celebration and smiling faces, happiness abounded in many forms. Fifty-four percent of the seniors polled said winning a \$100 lottery would make them the happiest; 30 percent were romantics who said happiness was being told "I love you"; 9 percent said getting an 'A' on an important test would make their day; and 5 percent said a later curfew would give them the greatest satisfaction.

"My happiest moment was finding out I'd won first place in the state journalism contest sponsored by the governor's committee on the disabled. I got an all expense paid trip to Colorado."

— Susan Freeman

"My happiest moment was my last day of Mr. Kloppe's class. I had him for summer school, all my sophomore year, and half of my junior year for government."

— Kristi Dawson

"My happiest moment was when I sank a 14-foot jump shot with three seconds left to defeat the number one team Thump in order to send Caucasian Invasion to the final four of the intramural basketball championship."

— Craig Stueve

"I couldn't believe I was one of the five guys out of all the seniors chosen for Christmas Dance and Prom courts. This was my happiest moment, because for me, the dances wouldn't have been as fun."

— Joe Mass



Mike Abel
Vance Allen
Benjamin Altman
Andrea Askins
Marcus Barrett
Lori Barritt



Brian Bates
Kelly Bates
Ed Bauer
Sherri Baxley
Shane Beaman
Jenny Beckstrom



Jill Bintz
Donna Birdsong
Taryn Bixler
Dawn Blunk
Michael Boone
Linda Bottrell



Sheri Bowerbank
Carla Bowlds
Shelly Brooks
Travis Brummer
Traci Brunow
Nancy Butts



Kristine Card
Mike Carrithers
Scott Charleson
Eric Christensen
Jodi Christensen
Jeff Christenson



Lisa Christiansen
Ron Cihacek
Mike Clark
Sue Claussen
Gary Clouse
Laurent Comes



Mike Connor
Cathleen Conway
Julie Cook
Jeff Coppock
Danielle Cox
John Cox

The best & worst of times

E·M·B·A·R·R·A·S·S·M·E·N·T

Feeling their faces turning five shades of scarlet, 31 percent of the seniors polled said they became the most embarrassed tripping on the stairs between classes; 30 percent said getting pulled over by the police on Broadway on a Friday night would embarrass them the most; 27 percent said they'd be the most uncomfortable being yelled at by the teacher in front of the entire class; and 10 percent would turn the reddest after having a "Kick Me" sign stuck to their back.

"During the car rally our sophomore year, the cheerleaders' car died, and we had to push it all the way up a

person's driveway. Besides being extremely embarrassed, we missed the whole rally."

— Sheri Fleming

"One day I got to school late, there was a man from the Air Force speaking to the whole school in the gym. On the way to my seat, I tripped on the cord and everyone who noticed laughed."

— Randy Gilson

"During volleyball practice, I had toilet paper hanging out of my shorts after I went to the bathroom. Luckily, Andrea Darveaux told me before anyone else noticed."

— Jennie Thompson

Mike Craft
Shelly Cryer
Lisa Curttright
Ryan Dahlgaard
Andrea Darveaux
David Daugherty



Kristie Dawson
Todd Devereaux
Heidi Devine
Paula Dix
Chris Drustrup
Anne Dryden



Calvin Duis
Deborah Dykeman
Jeff Eickholt
Leanne Ellis
Bill Engel
Mark Epperson



Paulette Farber
Craig Faust
Rich Feekin
Marcia Fehr
Chris Feller
Mike Feller





A RUDE AWAKENING. About to slam a book against Taryn Bixler's desk, Chris Smith attempts to awaken Bixler from a snooze in Latin class.

BLUSHING WITH EMBARRASSMENT after locking her keys in her car, Sara Harvey waits as Mike Abel gets her extra set from under the grill.



Julie Ferguson
Melanie Ferris
Sheri Fleming
Todd Fox
Susan Freeman
Vicki Fuller



Gina Gahm
Tony Gift
Randy Gilson
Daniel Glenn
Tracy Graham
James Grandick



Doug Gray
Joy Greathouse
Jeff Griffis
Jeff Hahn
Danny Haines
John Hall



Heidi Hamilton
Melissa Hardiman
Mindy Harmon
Sara Harvey
Chrisandra Hatcher
James Hatcher

Tracy Hauser
Carmen Hays
Lee Hazelwood
Kelly Heizer
Kim Heizer
Tina Hempel



Chris Henry
Susan Hestness
Michele Hetrick
Chris Hiatt
Stephanie Hilty
James Holly



Heidi Hostetter
Susan Hough
Joni Huebner
Pam Huebner
Jennifer Huelshorst
Cathleen Hurley



Kent Hyde
Trisha Ira
Chris Irwin
Jeff Jensen
James Johnson
Kristin Johnson



Shawn Johnson
Anna Jorgensen
Shary Judkins
Laura Keim
Scott Kenkel
Guy Kerns



Bob Kill
Michael Kinney
Ann Kirlin
Kathy Kowal
Ronnie Lainson
Tracy Laney



Jeff Lapel
Jodi Larkin
John Larsen
Tim Larsen
Pam Laudon
Lisa Laurito



The best & worst of times

F·R·U·S·T·R·A·T·I·O·N

Trying but failing — it happened to everyone. For 42 percent of seniors polled, their greatest frustration came from parents who just didn't understand; 23 percent felt defeat after failing a test they'd studied for all night; 17 percent were frustrated most by a difficult class; and 16 percent said a car that wouldn't start made them the angriest.

"My most frustrating time was when I kept getting nuisance notes from a weirdo girl. I had to tape the holes of my locker so she couldn't give them to me."

— Chris Chambers

"National Honor Society was extremely frustrating, because it didn't seem to be a true student organization. This made it hard to get the members motivated to participate in certain activities like the computer match-up for Valentine's Day.

— Todd Fox

"My most frustrating moment was trying to transfer out of my fourth hour class. I had to talk to three counselors and two administrators!"

— Dana Schamel

"It was really hard to get caught up after missing a month of school because I needed an ankle operation. The teachers were understanding, but it was frustrating being in and out of the hospital my senior year."

— Kathy Kowal

"My most frustrating moment was when I ran the 100-meter dash at Metro. I was in second place and five yards from the finish line when I pulled something in my leg. This shattered my hopes for State."

— Zetta Brown

SPRAWLED OUT IN THE HALL, Melanie Lovstad and Melody Massih escape the typical chaos of the yearbook room on a Monday work night to finish spreads for their mini-mag and mug sections in peace.



The best & worst of times

C·R·A·Z·I·N·E·S·S

Planning parties and breaking rules, seniors sometimes got together for the sole purpose of letting loose, and for 59 percent of those polled, alcoholic beverages were part of their crazy antics; 36 percent said a toga party with friends made them the wildest, while only 5 percent got crazy at pep assemblies.

"My wildest moment was going at high speed around the 10 mph 'Dead Man's Curve'. It also turned out to be embarrassing, because I ended up stranded in a ditch for two hours until people from a party pulled me out."

— Dave Rathman

"One night six of my friends and I went out in my dad's pea-green car. We drove all over town screaming at everyone on the sidewalks and following cute guys. We had such a good time, we still talk about the night we went out in the peapod!"

— Paula Dix

"Some of my craziest times were toilet papering the school. One night everyone met at Hy-Vee, and we bought all the generic toilet paper they had. But after starting our project, we were pursued by 'Johnny Law', and two people were taken to the Christian Home. I enjoy teepeeing, though, because I can show my artistic ability!"

— James Hatcher

Adrienne Lee
Barb Leu
Penny Leu
Mari Liggett
Donnie Livingston
Melanie Lovstad



William Lundstad
Thomas Lustgraaf
Tracy Machmuller
Jeff Mack
Denise Mackey
Joe Mass



Melody Massih
Jeff Matter
Julie McClellan
Stacey McKeever
Melissa McKinley
Laurie Milford



Beth Miller
Don Miller
Candy Minor
Melinda Minor
Macklin Mitchell
Larry Moore





TWO FOR THE SHOW. Getting ready for the next scene, Doug Gray prepares his friend to introduce a skit in the Roadshow.



SHOWING OFF HIS NEW 'DO, Gary Clouse unveils his freshly shaven scalp during the last pep assembly held in March before the swim team went to Districts.

A DUDE AND HIS DOLL. Relieving himself of school day stresses, Craig Faust holds a blow-up doll on his shoulders in the parking lot. Faust received the doll as a gag gift from his friends and often took it with him to shock people in passing cars when he went out.

The best & worst of times

D·E·P·R·E·S·S·I·O·N

Leaving us melancholy and teary eyed, certain events could ruin our day or even our year. Of the seniors polled, 35 percent said their parents getting a divorce would depress them the most; 26 percent said wrecking their car would cause the greatest turmoil; 21 percent said breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend would sadden them the most; and 17 percent of the seniors said the death of a pet would make them the saddest.

"My worst moment was totaling my car on Broadway and then having to tell my dad, who was out of town at the time.

— Tami Tiller

"I was really upset when my dog got a liver disease and

almost died. She was at the vet clinic for a week and her fur turned yellow. When I went to see her, she hardly recognized me, and her head just hung, when she is usually hyper all the time."

— Melody Massih

"The first district basketball game at Harlan was very disappointing, because we were having great practices and were really pumped up for this game. It's too bad we lost, because for the seniors, it was our last chance to play together for AL."

— Mike Patten

SAYING GOODBYE, Tammy Nielsen and Kelly McEvoy present senior pom pon members, Shelly Brooks and Sue Claussen, with flowers at the last pep assembly of the year.





Pam Moore
Becky Moreno
Shelia Musgrove
Arlinda Neff
Scott Nielsen
Andrea Nunez



Laurie Olsen
Julie Otten
Michael Patten
Penny Pearson
Kristine Pedersen
Les Pedersen



Carol Perfect
Randy Perrin
Lisa Peterson
Marci Petry
Jacqueline Phillips
Lisa Pierson



Missy Pike
Tim Pilger
Dawn Pitzer
Mike Pokorny
Craig Powers
Dustin Pruitt



Scott Puntaney
Robben Quigley
Tris Ranney
Denise Rasmussen
David Rathman
Christine Reed



David Reed
Dwight Rogers
Mark Royer
Glen Ruby
Nancy Runions
Craig Ryan



Eric Samson
Vergarie Sanford
Dana Schamel
Jolie Schmoker
Jean Schnack
Pam Scott

The best & worst of times

F·U·L·F·I·L·L·M·E·N·T

Using every ounce of our energy to succeed, we stood proud when obstacles were finally overcome. Of the seniors polled, 56 percent said they would feel the greatest fulfillment in receiving a scholarship; 29 percent said excelling in a sport would make them the proudest; and 12 percent got the most satisfaction in winning academic awards.

"My proudest moment was when my fellow debaters voted for me to receive the Debater of the Year award. This made up for all the hard work in the past three years."

— Julie Shomshor

"My most fulfilling moment was being chosen for the Shrine Bowl to help sponsor crippled and burned children. All the money went to the Shriners Hospital."

— John Larsen

"Receiving a regents' scholarship from Northwest Missouri State was a great feeling, because only students in the top 25 percent of the class could be chosen. It wasn't until this year that I started getting good grades."

— Jill Bintz

TAKING A FINAL LOOK, Ann Kirlin examines Mike Boone's beard before he shaves it as part of the victory celebration after Caucasian Invasion won the intramural basketball tournament.

John Sellers
Ronni Shaw
Traci Shea
Lisa Shew
Wendy Sholtz
Julie Shomshor



Christine Sibert
Jessica Smiarowski
Eric Smith
Shelly Smith
Sarah Smock
Lisa Snipes



Shannon Snipes
Chris Stevens
Dan Storey
Phil Storey
Craig Stueve
Dawn Teeters



Robby Thomas
Jennie Thompson
Julie Thompson
Mark Thompson
Jeffrey Thurman
James Tijerina





WITH FLOWER IN HAND, Betina Whitaker accepts congratulations from National Honor Society sponsor Orville Miller and members Jean Schnack and Melanie Lovstad on NHS induction night.



Tami Tiller
Nick Tornabane
Paul Vandenberg
Stephannie VanScoy
Mario Villarreal
Cindy Voss



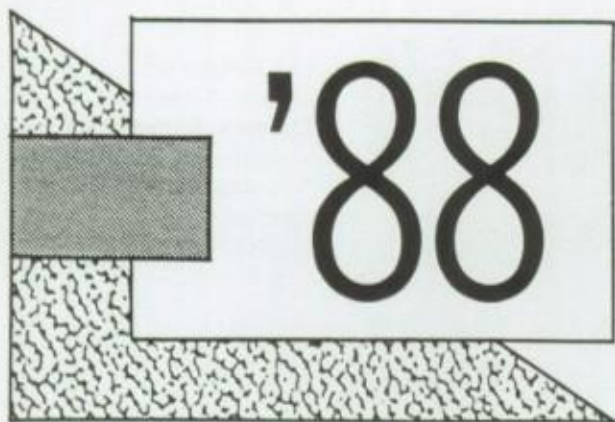
Christine Wagman
Nancy Wagner
Craig Wanberg
Katrina Wardlow
Scott Watson
Bill Wendland



Teresa West
Betina Whitaker
Guy Whitman
Lisa Wilson
Curtis Winchester
Thomas Wood



Brian Wyant
Jeanette Yochum
Kelly Yost
Kelly Zarestky
Bill Zimmerman
Chris Zimmerman



So you wanna be ... BEAUTIFUL

A PERFECT FIT. After spending an hour shopping, Debbie Dolezal finds a western style outfit with the help of Vicki Hansen, Brass Buckle manager.



BLOWN AWAY BY 1500 WATTS, Chris Stom dries her hair before school. Stom usually spent 20 minutes styling her hair.

"It's not how you look that counts. It's what's inside . . . Beauty is in the eye of the beholder . . . Looks are just skin deep . . ." These cliches were thrown at us to instill proper values, ease us through the "ugly duckling" stage, and convince us that physical beauty was unimportant. But we knew better.

A poll of junior girls revealed that on a scale from one to ten, appearance rated 8.1 in importance.

"Looking my best shows I care about myself," said Kathy Frost '88. "It gives me confidence."

But satisfaction with our appearance rated 6.7, and we constantly sought to improve how we looked.

The amount of time spent getting ready for school ranged from 30 minutes to two hours, with 70 percent say-

ing that styling hair took the most time.

"I spend an hour curling my hair each morning," said Susan Vesper '88. "It gets to be a hassle, but if your hair doesn't look good, the picture you present just isn't complete."

Following fashion and staying in shape were as important as good grooming. We spent an average of \$100 a month on clothes, 77 percent exercised regularly, and 71 percent dieted.

Though physical beauty was important, we realized it wasn't enough.

"Attitude is what makes a person really attractive," said Amy Rasmussen '88. "When you get to know a person who is fun to be with and has a good attitude, that person becomes good looking to you."





Tim Ambrose
Marsha Andersen
Clarissa Anderson
Kristi Anderson
Tim Anderson
Tom Armstrong
Jodie Arrick
Ken Arrick

Missie Bailey
Jeff Ball
Michelle Bartlett
Jim Bartu
Tobe Barzydlo
Greg Beck
Kelli Beckman
Bryce Behrens

Kelly Behrens
William Berner
Kristen Binkley
Deborah Blodgett
Connie Boyd
Roger Brandenburg
Melinda Brewer
Nicole Brink

Steve Brockman
Jeff Brown
Jim Brown
Heath Burr
Kim Burr
Sarah Butler
Kevin Calabro
Lynne Califf

Jim Campbell
Kim Capel
Teri Caputo
Trisha Carson
Brenda Castillo
Daryl Clark
Tom Clark
Brian Coburn

Kristin Colyer
Chris Crystal
Jerry Cundiff
Lora DeBord
James Depew
Kim Dilley
Jeff Dilts
Deborah Dolezal

Richie Donaldson
Robert Drummond
Susan Elliot
Sheila Eyberg
David Feller
Amy Fenner
Renee Fetrow
Mark Flickinger

Amy French
Kathleen Frost
Michael Funderburk
Kirk Garside
Lischka Gearhart
Scott Gilbert
Vicki Gilman
Ned Greer

Kim Groce
Staci Gunter
Matthew Gylling
Jason Haines
Kelly Halsted
Mandy Hansen
Mark Hansen
Rod Hansen

Lisa Hardin
James Harvey
Michael Haubrich
Laura Hecke
Scott Herrington
Scott Hiatt
Lynna Hieb
Brad Hiers



John Hiffernan
Brian Hircock
Marsha Hoffman
Collin Holcomb
Mike Hopkins
Joel Hovey
Michelle Hughes
Karl Hundtofte



Steffany Hutchens
Curtis Hutchison
Kathline Jackson
Teresa Jaussi
Steve Jensen
Kim Jerrett
Dan Johannes
Scott Johannes



Amelia Johnson
Gretchen Johnson
Matt Johnson
Steve Johnson
Willie Johnson
David Jones
Jacque Jones
Cindy Juel



Shala Jungman
Ed Kast
Jeff Kenkel
Martin Killion
Jodie Kinney
Steve Kisby
Tim Knauss
Keith Knuth



Paul Lane
Wendy Lapel
Jodi Larsen
Susie Larsen
Danny LeBarge
Becky Lee
Traci Leeper
Kerry Lewis



IN TUNE, Bill White, Ken Arrick, and Jim Depew practice for a marching band performance. During football season, the band practiced before school and during first hour.

SPIRIT RAISING DECORATIONS. Taping up balloons and crepe paper, Kim Groce decorates a varsity football player's locker as a cheer-leading project.



So you wanna be ... INVOLVED

For Kelly McKeown '88, the day began at 7 a.m. and didn't end until 11 p.m. The hours in between were crammed with cheerleading practice, yearbook darkroom work, and a job at Drugtown.

Having minimum time for rest and relaxation was the price she and many juniors paid for being involved.

Nearly half of the 75 juniors polled said they were involved in three or more activities, and that having little time to waste was a benefit to them.

"During wrestling season I have a goal to focus on, so I'm never bored," said Tim Knauss '88.

Most students said their main reason for involvement was the desire to

meet people.

"I have fun meeting new people, and I like knowing what other groups are doing," said Amy Fenner '88.

Participating also gave students a sense of achievement.

"I get satisfaction I can't get bumming around the house," said Suzette Nunez '88. "The more I do, the more I want to do."

JUST JOKING AROUND, Stacy Woods, Susan Schumacher, and Amy Fenner take a short break from a student council meeting. Class officers gave up an inservice afternoon to plan a day in which students could go to sessions on teenage problems such as substance abuse.

REACHING FOR HIS TOES, Mark Wittland does muscle-stretching warm-ups before a five-mile jog after school. Wittland practiced for cross country an average of 90 minutes everyday.



Jon Lieber
Stephen Livingston
Keith Lodhia
Kelly Malskeit
Sarah Markuson
Kevin Marsh
Paula Mass
Janean Mattes



Anthony Mauer
David Mays
Richard McClelland
Kelly McEvoy
Mark McGee
Katie McGuire
Toni McIntosh
Kelly McKeown



Michelle McKern
Mindy McNeal
Marie McMillan
Lisa Menuey
Dale Messerly
Jeremy Mishefske
Matthew Moline
Jeff Montgomery



Candy Moore
Kyle Muschall
Tammy Musgrave
Scott Neal
Annette Neff
Dawn Nelson
Tammy Nielsen
Robert Nielsen



Annette Nielson
Kevin Nixon
Suzette Nunez
Jeane Nuzum
Craig O'Hara
Rebecca Olsen
Shellie Ostdieck
Tracy Owen



CONQUERING THE HIP SLED, Scott Widtfeldt works out during P.E. Widtfeldt said having a well-toned body was important when trying to get a girl's attention.

"MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL, WHO'S THE COOLEST OF THEM ALL?" Taking a break from Christmas shopping, B.J. Coburn tries on sunglasses at the Sunglass Co. in the Mall of the Bluffs.





Scott Parks
Holly Pechacek
Jerry Peterson
Dan Phillips
Mark Pierson
Robert Pietrzak
Christie Poe
Jeff Poffenbarger

Randy Points
Ron Porter
Jodi Potter
Andrea Poulos
Reo Price
Dan Prichard
Heather Proctor
Brenda Putnam

Dawn Raether
Jody Rageth
Donald Ranney
Elizabeth Ranney
Corey Ranslem
Amy Rasmussen
Kevin Rasmussen
Sally Rayburn

Kristi Reel
Randi Reid
Julie Rhoades
Christina Rhodd
Roy Richardson
Brad Robinson
Stacy Robinson
Tanya Rocheleau

Rick Rohrberg
Shawn Rolfzen
Jeff Ronfeldt
Monica Roth
Ellen Rounds
Shelley Rupp
LaDonna Sanders
Shane Sanders

So you wanna be ... STUDLY

"Here he comes! What a body and drop-dead gorgeous smile! All dressed up in those Don Johnson fashions, he's such a stud!"

Whispers like these could be heard as girls gathered in the hallways between classes to check out the guys.

According to guys, three essentials separated studs from boys — a witty personality, a well-toned body, and the latest fashions.

"I wear nice clothes because when you look good, you feel good," said BJ Coburn '88, "and studs always feel good."

Like clothes, a good body also con-

tributed to overall good looks.

"If you're a fat pig, girls won't look at you," said Scott Widtfeldt '88, "but if you have a good body, you can get a girl's attention."

Acting studly, however, involved more than just being gorgeous.

"I try to have a good sense of humor and caring personality," said Dale Messerly '88. "Girls like guys with nice bodies, but they also want someone to talk to. If a guy can't hold a decent conversation with a girl, she'll look past his good looks and lose interest fast."

Todd Sanders
Nancy Schettler
Susan Schumacher
David Schwarte
Elizabeth Scott
Carrie Sellers
Tracy Sherlund
Dawn Shipley



Aranee Smith
Christopher Smith
Cindy Smith
Maria Smith
Scott Snipes
Brenda Spencer
Donald Spencer
Troy Spencer



Antoinette Spoto
Rachel Stageman
Kevin Steadman
Eric Stites
Scott Stogdill
Chris Stom
Laura Stom
Michelle Stone



Jennifer Story
Larry Stover
Peggy Streepy
Molly Swank
Kim Swanson
Rick Sweenie
Jennifer Tanous
Jill Tilley



Josephine Tobias
Katrina Tompkins
Jenny Townsend
Tonya Trimmer
Robert Ulmer
Tammy Ulrich
Bill Vandenberg
Susan Vesper



Chad Vincent
Cindy Wakehouse
Brenda Walker
Katy Walker
Mary Walker
Jeff Wall
Robert Wardlow
Traci Weaver



Jeff Wellman
Scott Wells
Anthony Welsh
Krista Westphal
Bill White
Dawn White
Gerry White
Glen White



Nathan Wichman
Scott Widtfeldt
Dan Wiechelman
Dustin Williams
Barry Wilson
Jeffrey Wilson
Roxanne Wilson
Richard Wise



Mark Wittland
Dan Woicke
Angie Wood
Stacy Woods
Kevin Wright
Kathy Yeoman
Brian Young
J.V. Zontelli



So you wanna be ... IN LOVE

Sauntering down a stretch of their favorite shopping mall, the Westroads, Steffany Hutchens '88, and Nicole Brink '88, casually stopped to browse while trying to disguise the real reason they were there.

All day, the twosome had been studying their favorite subject, males. Now, they felt fatigue washing over them after hunting their prey without a single snatch.

What was the purpose of this crazy chase of the opposite sex that had been going on since the beginning of time?

Like most teenagers, the girls weren't after a serious relationship,

but it was the idea of love that attracted them.

In a poll of 50 juniors, over half said they felt a need to love and be loved, but almost four-fifths said infatuation was their goal.

"I like to just look at a girl," said Rod Sollazo '88. "I don't care if I go out with her."

Students said infatuation gave them a constant feeling of excitement and pleasure, something that was sometimes absent in their lives.

"It's fun to be infatuated," said Kristi Anderson '88, "It puts me on kind of a high!"

CASUAL COURTYARD FUN. Enjoying the last ten minutes of lunch, Kelly McEvoy, Jerry Cundiff, and Toni McIntosh engage in flirtatious fun.



MAKING A PLAY OFF COURT, Kevin Nixon and Kristi Anderson, varsity basketball players, joke around before school.

"MEET ME HERE AFTER CLASS," Jodie Arrick tells her boyfriend, Martin Killian. Arrick and Killian dated for nine months.

'89



HAILING A YELLOW MAVERICK TAXI, Chuck McKinley flags down his sister Missy for a ride home.

SIMULATED MANEUVERS. Searching for park, Heather Hough shuts off her car after her first day in simulator. Hough scored 69 out of 100.



Mary Abbott
Marlene Abel
Mindy Abel
Robert Acox
Arturo Adams
Todd Akers
Shannon Allen
Tammy Andersen



Tracy Andersen
Gari Anderson
Jody Anderson
Sheryl Anderson
Julie Armstrong
Nicole Askins
Kenneth Augustine
Trenton Badgett



Don Barrett
Heather Beck
Derek Bees
Ami Belt
Melissa Belt
Brad Benhan
Jani Bintz
Lisa Birdsong



Corrie Blakely
Aaron Bollig
Heidi Boone
Kristy Borwick
Michelle Bottrell
Jason Bowman
Michelle Bowman
Mike Boyle



Philip Brainard
Tad Brewer
Derek Bristol
Shawn Brooks
Kevin Card
Colleen Carson
Michelle Case
Christopher Caskey



Stuck in the middle

Waiting for wheels

You had been hauled around for 16 years, but now you were on the brink of freedom. You were a sophomore and soon you would take driver education. But for more than half the sophomore class, a ticket to freedom wouldn't become a reality.

Because of budget cuts, driver education was offered only second semester, and only the oldest sophs were allowed into the course. Of 100 sophs surveyed, only 34 were enrolled in driver education.

For some, summer school, at the cost of \$85, was an alternative, but it cut into summer fun.

"My soaps were ruined because I had

to go to driver ed every day this summer," said Lisa Koenig '89, "but I'd miss *All My Children* before I'd ride the bus to school."

"I'm taking the course offered at night because I want to get my license as soon as possible," said Jeff Jensen '89. "I'd like to be able to drive during the summer."

Being forced to wait for a license, many stranded sophs relied on their parents for rides.

"It's embarrassing being picked up after school when you're 16 and should be able to drive," said Robb Traylor '89.

"My soaps were ruined because I had to go to driver ed every day this summer, but I'd miss *All My Children* before I'd ride the bus to school."

— Lisa Koenig



Diana Castillo
Aaron Christiansen
Chris Cihacek
Sheryl Clark
Christie Clouse
Laura Colter
Dlynn Conner
Margaret Conner

Nancy Conway
Tony Cook
Mike Cooper
Tracy Corwin
Jeff Cox
Diane Cross
Troy Cross
Bryan Crowdy

Carol Daly
Mike Davenport
Darren Deroos
Jim Dietz
Christin Donaldson
Lulu Drummond
Lori Eckles
John Eledge

Andrea Ellingsen
Teresa Emge
Jason Espinosa
Lori Ettleman
Jason Eyre
Marsha Fauble
Amy Feekin
Teri Fender

Keri Fent
Martha Fitch
Mary Fitch
Lisa Flenker
Scott Flickinger
Mari Flynn
Peggy Foote
Sandy Freeman

Stuck in the middle

Trying for a team

"I think it's sad they had to cut sophomore teams. Some sophomores with potential aren't able to play much to develop their skills for the next year,"

—Phil Nielsen

"I'm sorry Joe, but I'll have to cut you from the team. There are just too many athletes better than you. Work on your skills and try again next year," said the basketball coach.

It was nothing new for an individual athlete to bear such a fate, but it was unheard of to cut whole teams from participation.

Yet, that's just what happened to sophomore football and basketball.

Due to decreases in the school district's budget, sophomore teams were cut in the spring of '86.

One of the results of the cut was a decrease in team participation. According to Coach Phil Nielsen, 38 sophomores went out for basketball last year as compared to 18 this year.

"I think it's sad they had to cut sopho-

more teams," said Nielsen. "Some sophomores with potential aren't able to play much to develop their skills for the next year."

Another result of the cut, according to Nielsen, was that with so many players on JV, only about half of them could play a worthwhile portion of the game.

Rick Vandenberg '89, for example, was a starter on the freshman team, but due to the cut, he had to play on the second JV team and rarely played.

Some, however, made the first JV team by improving their skills at a basketball camp.

"I went to two basketball camps during the summer," said Jeff Hays '89. "This taught me skills other players didn't have and gave me a better chance of making the first JV team."



WITH EYES ON THE GAME, Lisa Koenig, JV basketball player, cheers on her teammates. "I didn't get a chance to show that I could play," Koenig said.

IN A SINGLE BOUND, Rob Goodman gets past Craig Tracy, American Athletic Union coach, and takes a shot. Goodman said to make the AAU team, he had to play both ends of the floor.





Tyler French
Michelle Frick
Jeff Frost
Daniel Gabehart
Bill Gale
Mary Gard
Korey Geer
Jean Gibson

Kristi Gift
Nikki Gigliodoro
Richard Gilbert
Donna Gillenwater
Lynette Gittins
Lynna Gittins
Rob Goodman
Paul Grafelman

Catherine Gray
Lisa Gray
Brian Gustin
Tony Gustin
Maureen Hanafan
Cindy Hardin
Brian Harmon
Jackie Harriott

Roberta Harris
Lisa Harrison
Steve Hatcher
Jeff Hays
Brad Heizer
Lisa Henderson
Timothy Herrington
Cathy Hingst

Adrian Hoag
Susanne Holeton
Judy Hollinger
Cindy Holly
Shawn Holly
Kelly Holmes
Doug Hoover
Heather Hough

Mike Housley
John Hunt
Ron Hunt
Paige James
Jeff Jensen
John Jerome
Joni Johnson
Todd Johnson



LEARNING A NEW CHEER, Jody Randall and Jani Bintz practice before school for cheerleading tryouts. Randall and Bintz had to work harder than juniors to make the JV squad after the elimination of the sophomore squad.

TRAPPED IN THE DUGOUT, Greg Larsen, Shawn Brooks, Mike Housley, Shawn Holly, and Jason Eyre wait for their chance to play in the Bryan JV game.

AS VISIONS OF VENDING MACHINES DANCE IN THEIR HEADS, freshmen and sophomore students chat, doodle, daydream, and even do homework to pass time in their seventh hour study hall above the gym.

PUTTING HOMEWORK ASIDE, Abby Wilmarth browses through a *Seventeen* magazine to check out the latest fashion during her free hour, which she spends in the library.



"I can't hear myself think in my study hall. As soon as the teacher takes attendance, people get into groups to talk. Then to leave, we have to wait forever to sign out."

— Heidi Boone

Stuck in the middle

Longing for a lounge

Settling into a graffiti-covered desk, a sophomore opened his World History book, intent on finishing the Greek history chapter before his test tomorrow.

Suddenly, weights clanged together and Boston's latest song came blaring through the weight room doorway. Below the balcony in the gym, a P.E. student yelled, "It's my turn to serve."

Despite the need to study for tomorrow's test, the book's cover slammed shut. Studying seemed futile.

"I can't hear myself think in my study hall," said Heidi Boone '89. "As soon as the teacher takes attendance, people get into groups to talk. Then to leave, we have to wait forever to sign out."

The noisy, poorly lighted study hall resulted when administrators changed the cafe study hall into a more relaxed lounge for juniors and seniors and sent under-

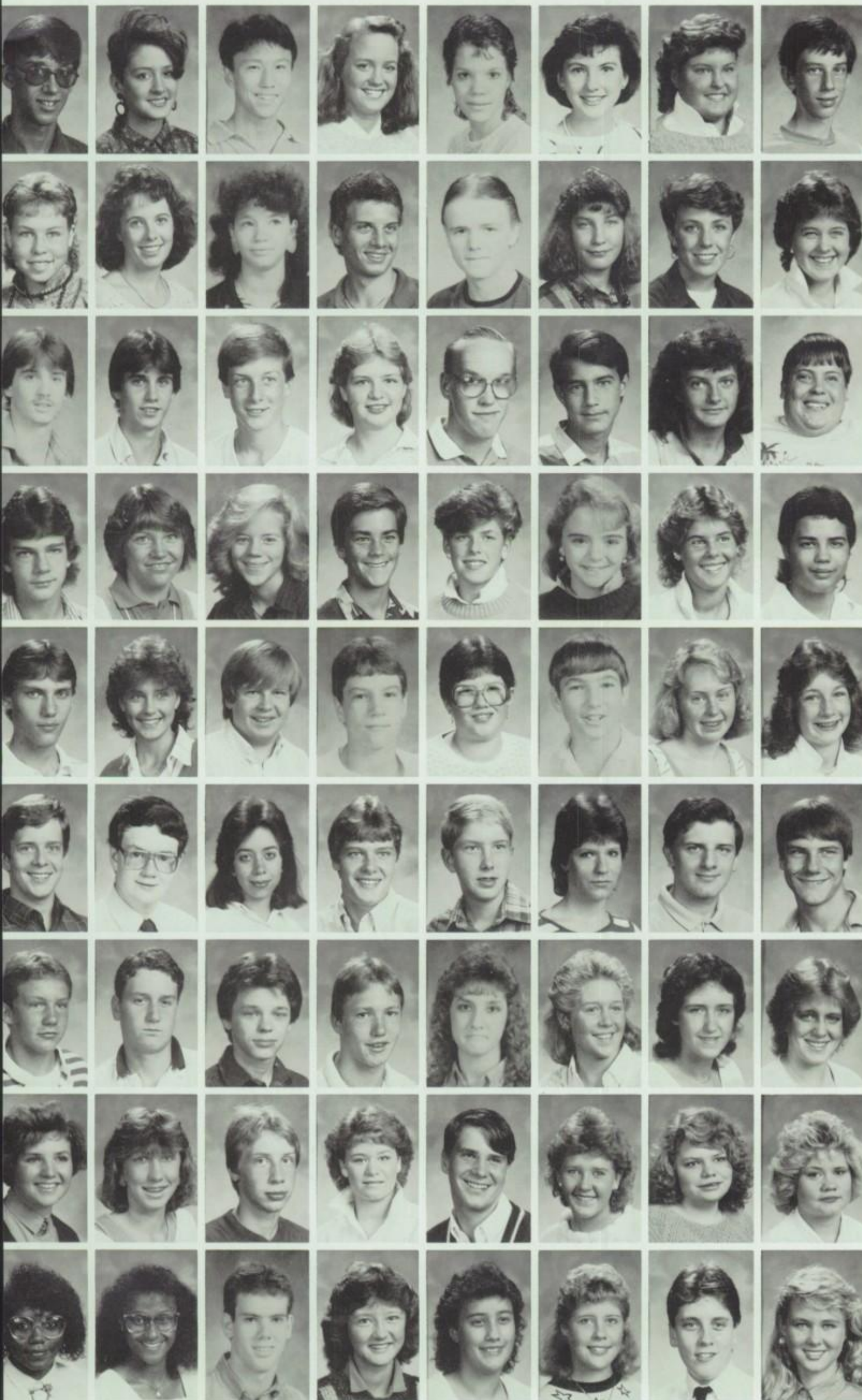
classmen to the gym balcony for what was supposed to be a structured study hall on the premise that they were too young for lounge privileges.

Sophs hated the study hall not only because they couldn't study in it, but also because the new junior-senior lounge eliminated the old lounge to which sophs used to escape with honor passes.

"It's kind of a let down when we had privileges as freshmen that we don't get as sophomores," said Brian Harmon '89.

Many students found themselves wishing they had signed up for another class. Others, however, resorted to fleeing to the library or even skipping.

"I skip study hall. They give me in-house every time, but at least you can get some studying done in in-house!" said Cristy Riddle '89.



Tony Jorgensen
Melanie Judkins
Chad Jungman
Julie Kadereit
Cari Kane
Agnes Kavanaugh
Kristin Kelley
Matthew Kelly

Laura Kemmish
Windy Kennedy
Christy Kermeen
Robert King
Roger Kinney
Chris Kissel
Kimberly Knierim
Lisa Koenig

Dennis Koester
Doug Koester
Greg Larsen
Lynette Larsen
James Larson
Kristin Lee
Lisa Lee
Dan Lepley

Patrick Leu
Priscilla Leu
Maria Lewis
Jason Lieber
Katherine Linberg
Kristen Love
Dawn Lukes
Jorge Lyons

Mike Lyons
Julie Mack
Curtis Mahood
Brian Mains
Dana Major
Kevin Malick
Julie Mankin
Jayne Mark

Daniel Marr
Christopher Marsh
Racquel Marshall
Ian Mass
James Mathisen
Adrianna Mayabb
John McCoy
Tom McElroy

Leo McIntosh
Charles McKinley
Patrick McLaughlin
Dale McMurray
Shawn Merritt
Teri Metteer
Stacey Meyer
Charity Midkiff

Jaimee Miller
Kristina Miller
Matthew Miller
Molly Miller
Rick Miller
Wendi Miller
Kimberly Milner
Michelle Milner

Jacqueline Mitchell
Miranda Mixon
Mike Moats
Christine Moore
Anita Moreno
Cherie Moss
Greg Musgrove
Margee Nagel

Vanessa Neff
Dana Nelsen
Brian Nelson
David Nelson
Helen Nelson
Rachel Nelson
Hoang Nguyen



Russell Noss
Teri Nowlin
Lisa Otten
Misty Parker
Debbie Pearson
Jason Pedersen
Elaine Perfect



Stephen Perry
Chantel Petersen
Jody Pierce
Troy Pitzer
Cylena Place
Christopher Pleake
Kameron Plummer



Richard Poulsen
Caryn Putnam
Charles Quigley
Jody Randall
Wendy Rasmussen
Kathy Ratashak
Kristen Rathman



"I enjoy my job even though I make only \$2 an hour. It isn't a very difficult job, and I can see my friends and even go shopping on my break."

—Mindy Spencer

Stuck in the middle

Begging for bucks

Everything from gym socks to a night out required money, and since sophomores were too young to work, they were in constant search of ways to make bucks.

Some found it easy to gain bucks by resorting to deceit, starving themselves, or both.

"Each morning, my mom gives me \$1.50 for lunch," said Rachel Ratigan '89, "and my dad gives me \$1.50 without either knowing the other has given me money. Since I don't eat lunch, I end up making about \$15 that I can spend on whatever I want during the week."

Some students mooched food off friends to hoard money.

"I usually buy ice cream and save the rest of my money," said Scott Flickinger '89. "I'm still hungry, so I snag food from other people. It's gotten so bad that when I sit at the lunch table, people hover over their food."

For those who chose to earn their bucks honestly, babysitting was a good

alternative.

"The pay really equals how much I do," said Carolyn Widtfeldt '89. "Even though I don't earn a lot of money, I don't do that much work either."

Others in desperate need of money settled for jobs below minimum wage.

"I enjoy my job, even though I make only \$2 an hour," said Mindy Spencer '89, who works at Ro Ro's Funnel Cakes. "It isn't a very difficult job, and I can see my friends and even go shopping on my break."

Despite the various ways they had learned to earn bucks, sophomores overwhelmingly said that as soon as they became old enough, they would be ready to start searching for a part-time job.

IN A WORK SLUMP, Rachel Rhatigan longs for her punch-out time as she gazes across the hall at the movie goes. Rhatigan made \$2 an hour at Ro Ro's Funnel Cakes and worked an average of 12 hours a week.



Brooke Ratley
Michelle Ratliff
Rachel Rhatigan
Amy Rhoades
Tammy Rhoades
Robert Rhodes
Shannon Rhoten

Sylvia Ridder
Cristy Riddle
Lori Roberts
Mary Rodriguez
Jeffrey Rolfe
Kristy Rollins
Jeri Ronfeldt

Scott Sanders
Stacey Saunders
Stephany Schaben
Jim Schlemmer
Rodney Schultz
Lori Schulz
Mark Schutt

Jeff Schwarte
Troy Scott
Kim Sharp
Wayne Shears
Jolie Sherman
Julia Shoemake
Karrie Sibert



STUDY TIME. Getting two jobs done at once, Carolyn Widtfeldt does homework while babysitting Jason Burhenne. Widtfeldt babysat about 10 hours a week.

Christopher Siefken
Deborah Smith
Gregg Smith
Jennifer Smith
Lisa Smith
Bill Sollazzo
Melinda Spencer
Chad Spidell



Tammy Steadman
Tracie Stephens
Richard Streepy
Beth Supernaw
Michele Sward
Walter Sward
Elizabeth Taibleson
Judy Talty



Beth Tangeman
Pat Tanner
Chad Taylor
Kathy Theulen
Jeff Thielen
Jeremy Thielen
Todd Thies
Jennifer Thomas



Tami Thomas
Michelle Timm
Tom Tobias
David Tornabane
Robert Traylor
Tom Tyson
Leah Ulmer
Rick Vandenberg



Tracey Vawter
Maria Villarreal
Scott Volff
Stephanie Volff
Scott Walker
Travis Walker
Bobby Warner
Kellie Watson



Kristin Weaver
Michelle Wehrli
Jami Weilage
Wendi Wendland
Carolyn Widtfeldt
Christopher Wigington
Stephanie Williams
Abby Wilmarth



John Wimmer
Amy Wineinger
Sarah Wohlt
Scott Wright
Julie Wyatt
Stacey Yeoman
Daniel Zarestky
Gretchen Zimmerman



NOT EXACTLY BARGAIN HUNTING, Julie Armstrong checks out a used Honda Accord at Woody's Wheels as a hopeful birthday present.





Stuck in the middle

Finally, sweet sixteen

Unsuspecting sophomore Sheryl Clark arrived at the house of Kristi Gift '89, for a simple overnighter. But to Clark's shock, after 5844 days of life, she was greeted there by all her friends waiting to help celebrate that sweet plateau — birthday number 16.

Fifty-eight percent of sophomores polled said drivers licenses were the most important result of a sixteenth birthday, especially since that tiny little card would give dating a whole new meaning.

"Before I got my license, my parents had to drive me on dates, which was so embarrassing," said Todd Thies '89, "but dating is much more fun now that I can

drive myself."

According to 19 percent of the students polled, getting a job was the best consequence of turning 16.

"I'm really glad I could get my job at Fill 'N Food because I needed to earn money for a trip to France this summer," said Nicole Askins '89.

So, finally after 5844 days, sophomores began enjoying the privileges of driving, dating, and working.

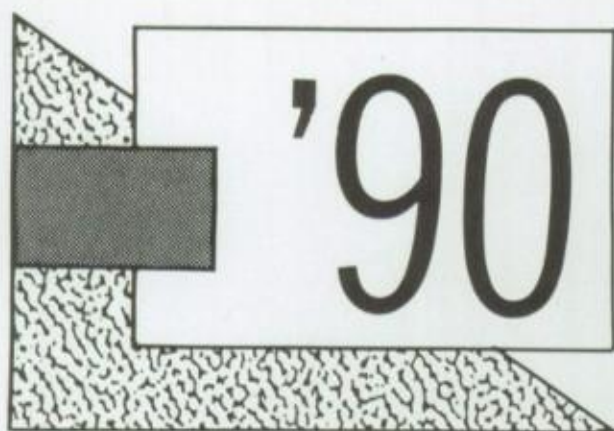
SWEET SIXTEEN GIFT GIVING. Hugging her friend, Julie Mack thanks Jennifer Smith for birthday balloons and flowers.

"I'm really glad I could get my job at Fill 'N Food, because I needed to earn money for a trip to France this summer."

Nicole Askins



THE PERFECT GENTLEMAN, Todd Thies opens the car door for his date, Suzanne Stahl. Thies found dating easier and less embarrassing with a license.



"C'MON, YOU WEAKLING!" Todd Knauss challenges older brother Tim to a wrestling match in their family room. Even though Tim wrestled three years, Todd isn't interested in living up to such a reputation.



Arwin Adams
Mishelle Allmon
Sarah Altman
Joy Andrew
Michelle Andrews
Jay Arrick
Brian Arrowsmith
Jerry Bagwell



Toby Ball
Lisa Barwell
Diona Barzydio
Becky Baumker
Shawna Benson
James Bever
Michele Binkley
Amy Bishop



Timothy Blair
Casey Bliven
Tim Blodgett
Danny Bockert
Brent Bowman
Dawn Bremholm
Matt Brentlinger
Amy Brewer



Chris Brewer
Danielle Bristol
James Bronson
Alison Brown
Bobby Brown
Candece Brown
Tresa Brown
Jennifer Brus



Christopher Bryson
Betsy Buck
Tracy Buckles
Jay Butterbaugh
Maria Cabello
Andy Caputo
John Case
Kelly Cates



On the home front

When your
brother's a rebel,
or your sister's a brain,
you're caught fighting a...

Sibling's reign

"I hate it!" said Randy Goeser '90. "Worrying about living up to the star athlete and straight A-student images of my older brother and sister makes it hard to be myself."

Out of 55 freshmen polled, 33 had older siblings who were attending or had attend-

USING HER HEIGHT ADVANTAGE, Kim Shipley holds the phone out of older sister Dawn's reach.

ed AL. Of those, 42 percent said they were overshadowed by an older sibling's reputation.

"Teachers have already picked out a personality for me," said Jeff Husmann '90. "The first day of class I walked into the wrong room, and the teacher laughed and said 'Oh no, not a little Joel!'"

Friends also expected similarities between siblings.

"My brother Mark set up

'FOR SALE' signs outside AL," said Darrin Dorsett '90. "Now my friends want me to do the same practical jokes."

Whatever their sibling's reputation, over half of those polled were confident the legacy of an older sibling wouldn't last very long.

"People call me little Darveaux. But after Andrea's gone, I'll just be me," said Michelle Darveaux '90.



Wendi Charleson
Geoffrey Christensen
Jay Christensen
Jason Christensen
Lisa Christensen
Ronda Christensen
Sean Cihacek
Kevin Clark

Mark Clark
Todd Clark
Ryan Clifton
Greg Coan
Jeff Conner
Kelsy Coppock
Shad Coppock
Kendra Cory

Kelli Cox
James Cullin
Mike Custer
Dan Dahir
Michelle Darveaux
Lisa Davis
Amanda DeSantiago
Brian Dietz

Randy Dilley
Michael Dominguez
Gilbert Douville
Scott Downing
Chad Driscoll
Kelly Dunlop
Wendi Ellerbeck
Cari Essink

Gianna Estrada
Jennifer Evans
Kylie Everroad
Debbie Fairchild
Wendy Feilen
Shelly Ferris
Danny Fichter
Bill Fidler

On the home front

Though you're
run ragged, you take
time you can steal and
spend it together at the...

Family meal

You made it through another greuling day of school and a practice that was more like a week of boot camp than an hour of high school athletics.

But after arriving home, you would be greeted by the smells of a home-cooked meal waiting just for you.

At least that's the way it was from three to seven times a week for 65 percent of the freshmen polled, despite hectic schedules, working moms, and fast food restaurants.

"It makes me happy that after working, my mom or dad

takes time to fix a meal," said Tonya Hauser '90.

Students also appreciated the time their parents spent talking with their kids at dinner.

Of those polled, 82 percent said they spent 11 to 20 minutes per night at the table, and over half said it served as a valuable time to talk.

"We talk about school, which my mom, sister, and I have in common," said Lori French '90. "We also talk about practice and Amy's cheerleading."

But more than half the fresh-

men said their activities made life in the fast food lane a necessity at times.

"One night I have cheerleading, and Kelly has pom pon," said Michelle McEvoy '90. "That's when we eat late or stop at Hy-Vee for chicken."

Whether served at the dinner table or in a fast food joint, dinner was a life-saver, according to frosh.

ENJOYING A FEAST, Carrie Harris eats a home-cooked meal with her parents. The Harris' ate dinner together four nights a week.





James Fogarty
Lori French
Michael Frieze
Eric Fulfs
Becky Furrow
Tricia Gallup
Jorge Garcia



Matthew Gearhart
Michael Glenn
Mike Graham
Kristie Green
Troy Green
Dawn Griffith
Chad Gutttau



Scott Hansen
Benjamin Harriott
Matt Harris
Jill Hartzell
Angie Harvey
Chad Hathaway
Tony Hathaway



Tonya Hauser
Tim Hawkins
Nikki Heidzig
Rob Heitman
Kevin Henningsen
Jon Hensley
Joshua Herman



Chip Herron
Jeanette Hesse
David Hestness
Ernest Hetrick
Corey Hoffman
Christopher Holeton
Michelle Hose



Lisa Hough
Lynnette Hunt
Jeff Husmann
Nikki Jantzon
Jeff Jenkins
Jane Johnson
Clarise Jones



Todd Jones
Nathan Jungman
Charles Kain
James Keim
Dustan Kern
Cory Kerns
Tracy Kesterson

Students mourn Stone's death

Michael J. Stone, 15 years old, died Dec. 6 in an Omaha hospital. He had been ill four months with cancer.

In junior high, Michael was involved in basketball, track, soccer, International Club and was on the honor roll.

One hundred and seventy students checked out of school to attend the funeral

Dec. 10.

Survivors include his parents, Rick and Janice Stone, and his sister, Michelle '88.

"As long as I can remember," said Jenny Evans '90, "I've gone to church with Mike. He was always nice to people. Even if he didn't know them, he was nice to them."



Kurt Kimball
Robin King
Jeff Kinney
Chris Kirke
Todd Knauss
Rori Knott
Angela Koenig
William Koger



Kandy Kyle
Amy Larsen
Ronda Larson
Heidi LaSala
Susan Lawrence
Gina Leach
Matt Lee
Shelly Leeper



Gena Lewis
Sid Leytham
Kyle Maher
Connie Maron
Bryan Marshall
Jeremy Matter
Harold McCormick
Paula McDaniel



Michelle McEvoy
Tom McGuire
Jeff Meadows
Kathy Merryman
Kristy Merryman
Danny Miller
Donald Miller
Dorrie Miller



Brian Mishefske
Janelle Misner
Jeanette Mitchell
Jon Moore
Mike Moore
Chris Murray
Fred Murray
Brenda Muschall



UNDER PRESSURE, Kevin Vredelveld is quizzed by his mother for an upcoming semester final in English.



RUNNING WITH THE WIND IN HER FACE, Barb Roth practices after school for track. Because of her parents' support, Roth won many races.



Brett Nation
Juli Neff
Heidi Neighbors
Katrina Nelson
Tena Nelson
Mike Newman
Hien Nguyen
Rory Nihsen

Lisa Norton
Michael Oliver
John Olmstead
Dawn O'Neill
Debbie Over
Timothy Parks
Lori Paulsen
Barbara Paulson

Chad Pechacek
Matt Petersen
Anthony Phillips
Kelly Phillips
Thomas Phillips
Jason Pierce
John Pierson
Juliane Pippert

David Porter
Shane Potter
Teri Potter
Danny Poulos
Cory Powers
Jeanette Pruett
Brian Puntenev
Karen Purcell

Amy Putnam
Dustin Putnam
Russell Quigley
Lori Raether
Ben Ranney
Heather Ranney
Kelly Rasmussen
Becky Ratashak

On the home front

When you're
pressured for grades,
forever taking the rap,
you know you're in a..

Parent trap

"Around my house, there's a rule: DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE," said Lori Paulsen '90.

"One time I went out with my friends and had to stay up until midnight to finish my homework. My mom sat in my room to make sure I did it."

Of freshmen polled, 57 percent said their parents pressured them to get good grades.

"My parents just expect me to do well in school, and I have to meet their standards," said Kathy Westphal '90.

Influenced by parental hints, rewards, and threats, freshmen were also pressured into going to church.

"My parents would make me feel guilty if I didn't go to church," said Kari Hannan '90.

To other parents, it was more important that teens be involved. Of freshmen polled,

40 percent said if it were not for this pressure, they would not do as much.

"I really don't like drama, but my parents were in plays, so they expect me to do it," said Kevin Vredevelde '90.

Most realized, however, pressure was for the best.

"Because my parents made me stay with track, I made it to the Junior Olympic National Finals," said Barb Roth '90.

Elena Reedy
Lori Reid
Candice Reynolds
Judith Richardson
Heather Richey
John Riddle
Alisa Roberts
Andrea Rocheleau



Daniel Rogers
Michael Ronk
Sheri Rose
Barb Roth
Robert Rupp
Kim Sanders
Heidi Sandy
Barbara Sanford



Keleigh Scherzinger
Terri Schiller
Sarah Schultz
Shawn Schultz
Tami Schultz
Clay Seaman
Bobby Shank
Jennifer Sherman



Kim Shipley
Jennifer Sholtz
Ricco Siasoco
Allen Simmons
Amy Smith
Jonas Smith
Phillip Smith
Terri Smock



Jeremy Smothers
Danny Snipes
David Snyder
Christopher Sorensen
Melissa Spencer
Teresa Spencer
Stacy Spidell
Scott Stephens



Nick Stom
Elizabeth Stuckey
Keri Suden
Troy Swanson
Trede Tawzer
Bryan Teeters
Tammy Thoren
Michelle Tinley



Stephanie Townsend
Lisa Ulrich
Kara Vergamini
Elizabeth Villarreal
Amy Watson
Traci Watson
Kristy Wedel
Susan Weidner



Jason Welsh
Jeremy Wenninghoff
Tony Wesolowski
Kathy Westphal
Joel Whitman
James Whitmore
Kim Will
Kim Wills



Jay Wilson
Tonia Wilson
Margret Wise
Michael Wittland
Heidi Wolff
Jason Woods
Rebecca Zack
Lacie Zuern



On the home front

Not just old folks,
grandparents share
and teach us much by
giving time and staying...

In touch

If matching horned-rimmed glasses, a cranky voice, and blueish-gray hair made a couple into grandparents, then the grandparents of '87 weren't up to par.

But if generosity, caring, and understanding made a couple into grandparents, then freshmen's grandparents measured up.

A poll of freshmen showed that far from experiencing a generation gap, most enjoyed spending time with their grandparents.

"When we're together, my grandparents and I talk about

everything from guys to my future plans," said Kathy Westphal '90.

Grandparents were not only good listeners, but also friends that freshmen shopped, fished, and learned with.

"My grandma taught me to crochet," said Tena Nelson '90. "I felt honored she would take time to help me learn."

Seventy-one percent of freshmen polled said one of the things they loved best about their grandparents was being spoiled by the seniors.

Among the gifts students re-

ceived were horses, cars, and money.

"I was really surprised when I walked up the driveway to see an '87 Toyota 4-Runner," said Jay Christensen '90, "so I went inside to see whose it was. I found out that it was a gift from my grandparents to me for no apparent reason!"

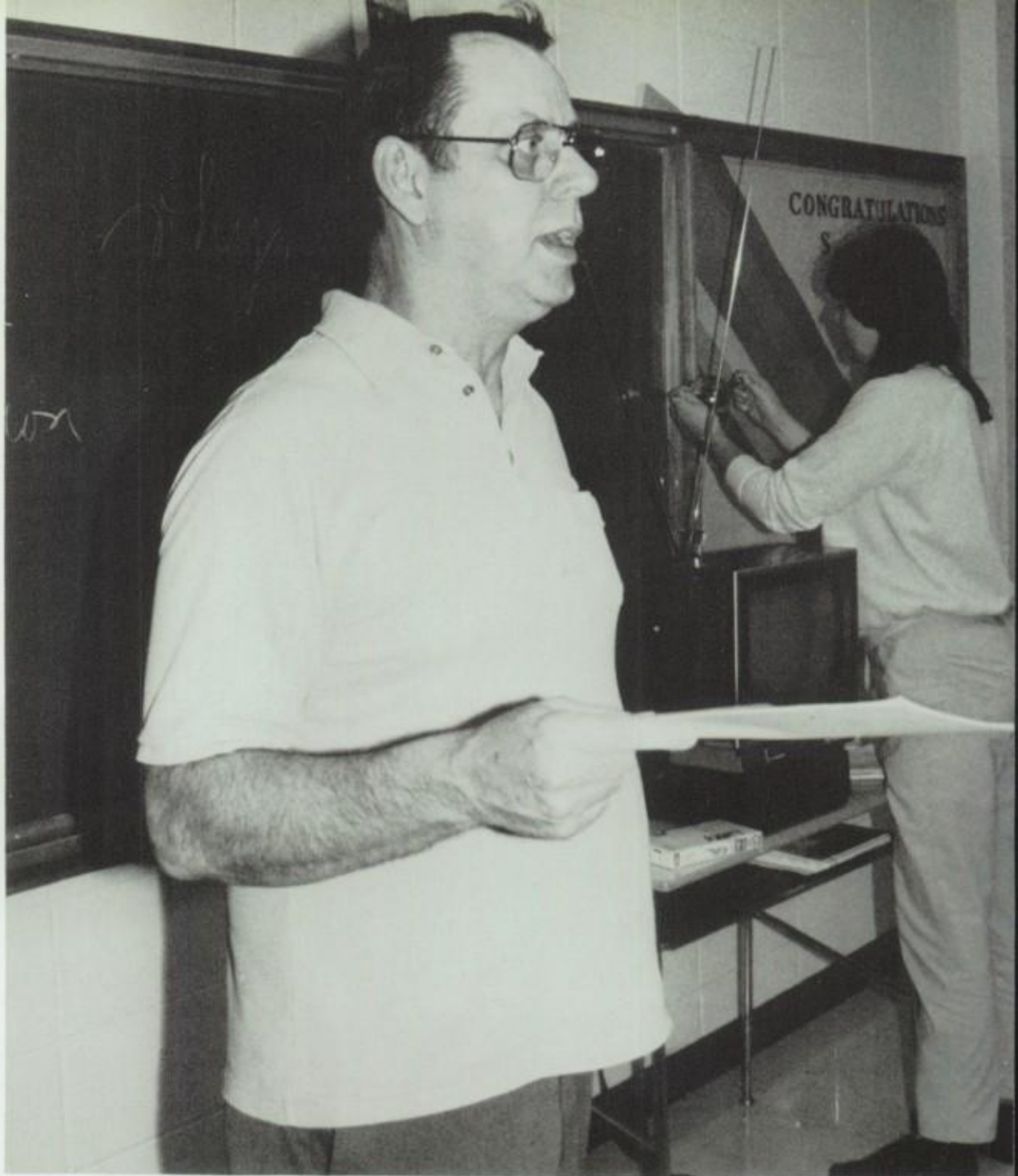
REACHING FOR THE READING RAILROAD, Kari Hannan buys up the board in a game of Monopoly on a weekend visit with grandparents Charles and Mary Hannan, who live in Council Bluffs.



Faculty

"GOOD AFTERNOON," instructor Don Scheibeler says as he takes attendance. "Scheib doesn't just teach vocab, he teaches Roman culture," said Steve Jensen.

MAPPING THE TRAILS, Coach Mick Freeman shows cross country runner Robb Traylor the course for State competition.



CLARK ALLEN. Basic Metals, Basic Welding, Power Mechanics, Head Wrestling
LARRY ARGERSINGER. Physical Education, Football, Powerlifting
JOANN BARCUS. English Skills 1-2, 7-8, Pon Pon
STEVE BARKER. Earth Science
MIKE BATTEN. Physical Education, Head Girls' Track
DIANA BINTZ. Guidance Secretary

MARCIA BLAINE. Learning Disabilities
L'LOUISE BOWMAN. French
MIRIAM BOYD. Graphics, Ceramics, Drawing, Painting
JACK BOYLAN. Basic Electronics, Transistors
STEVE BROCKWAY. Drama 1-2, 3-4, Oral Communications
DAVE BROWN. Special Education, Head Girls' Basketball, Intramurals, Girls' Golf

LARRY BROWN. World History, Economics
RUTH BROWN. Math Analysis, Trig., Algebra 1-2
LINDA BRYEN. Teacher Aide
BOB BURNS. Typing, Football
JOHN CAIRNS. Media
Terrell Clinton. General Science, Boys' Basketball

BILL COWAN. Earth Science
JANE DEMARAIS. Librarian
DENNIS DEVAULT. American Studies
RON DIIMIG. Assistant Principal
COLLENE ELLIS. Library Clerk
STEVE ELONICH. Head Custodian



TEACHER TRADEMARKS

Match the teachers with their honors



WITH A PROUD SMILE, instructor Linda Smoley poses for official photos with Governor Terry Branstad at a reception for the five Teacher of the Year finalists.

1. Who was honored as fourth runner-up for Iowa Teacher of the Year?
2. Who was one of 23 finalists in the University of Iowa Distinguished Teacher Awards?
3. Who was invited to attend the Governor's Conference on Science/Math/Technology Alliance?
4. Who was named Southwest Iowa Coach of the Year for cross country?
5. Who was named Teacher of the Month by the Loess Hills Area XIII?
6. Who was nominated to represent AL for the Sertoma Outstanding Educator Award?

- A. Mr. Mike Tripp
- B. Mrs. Linda Smoley
- C. Mr. Mick Freeman
- D. Mr. Don Scheibeler
- E. Mrs. Chris Fink
- F. Miss Vicky Holder

Answers:
1. Smoley; 2. Scheibeler; 3. Fink; 4. Freeman; 5. Tripp; 6. Holder



BILL EMSICK. Algebra 1-2, Head Football
CHRIS FINK. Earth Science, Chemistry 1-2, National Honor Society
MICHAEL FORBES. Driver Education, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Tennis
PATTY FORD. Clothing, Child Care, Family Living, Home Economics Club, Cheerleading
WILLIAM FORSEE. Biology, Zoology
MICHAEL FREEMAN. Physics 1-2, Head Cross Country

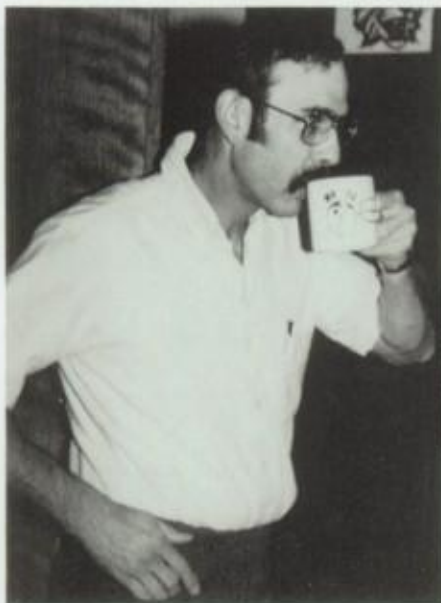
JANE FRENCH. Secretary
FRED FRICK. Principal
MARY GEPNER. World History, Student Council
HOWARD GRABER. Geometry, Algebra 1-2, 3-4
MARSHA GRANDICK. Speech 1-2, 3-4, Oral communications, Junior Class Sponsor
JACQUE HALL. English 1-2, Honors English 1-2

LARRY HARRIMAN. Basic Woods, Furniture Construction, Cabinet Making
JOE HAUSER. Biology, Zoology, Human Biology, Head Boys' Track
VICTORIA HOLDER. English 1-2, Honors English 3-4
PENNY HUTCHISON. Physical Education
JAMES KAY. American Studies, Adj. American Studies
LARRY KENNY. World History, Adj. World History, Boys Basketball

SIDNEY KLOPPER. Government, Adj. Government
DOREEN KNUTH. Learning Disabilities
DENNIS KOCH. Pre-Algebra, Computer Programming, Business Math, Wrestling
STEPHANIE KRIJAN. Orchestra
MARY KYTE. Physical Education, Head Volleyball
RON LAKATOS. Algebra 3-4, Computer Programming, gen. math, Wrestling

TEACHER TRADEMARKS

Match the teachers with their characteristics



OH, NO! IT'S MR. BILL! Watching his students take a test, instructor William Forsee sips coffee from his famous cup.

1. Who carries a "Mr. Bill" coffee cup at all possible times?
2. Who spits gum into the air and then catches it?
3. Who frames bulletin boards with tinsel year round?
4. Who talks about fishing at every opportunity?
5. Who has an inexhaustable supply of orange folders?
6. Who often places the middle index finger, upside down, between the eyebrows?

A SHOWDOG WELCOMING. Arriving home from school, instructor Connie Byrnes is greeted by her Shetland sheepdogs. Mrs. Byrnes spent an average of 12 hours a week training them for competitions.

- A. Mr. Don Whyte
- B. Mr. Mike Batten
- C. Mr. Bill Forsee
- D. Mrs. Geri Livermore
- E. Mr. Ron Lakatos
- F. Miss Carol Murray

Answers:
1. Forsee; 2. Lakatos; 3. Murray; 4. Batten; 5. Livermore; 6. Whyte





THOMAS LARA. Spanish, Wrestling
GERI LIVERMORE. English 1-2, Honors English 1-2
JANET LYLE. Physical Education
ANINA MADSEN. Geometry 1-2, Applied Math
FRED MAHER. Assistant Principal
DAN MARSHALL. Learning Disabilities
BEVERLY McCUMBER. Head Secretary



KAY McKERN. Clerk
MIKE MESSERLI. Assistant Principal
ORVILLE MILLER. Calculus, Algebra 3-4, National Honor Society
CAROL MURRAY. English 5-6, Honors English 5-6
RUTH NELSON. Nurse
PHIL NIELSEN. Physical Education, Head Boys' Basketball, Boys' Golf
WAYNE NORMAN. Keyboarding, Personal Typing, Typing 2



JULIE O'DOHERTY. Office Education COOP
BESS PAPPAS. Counselor
ROGER PEARSON. DECA, COOP
JILL PEDERSON. Treasurer
ROBERT PETTEPIER. Algebra 1-2, 3-4, General Math
RICHARD REEVES. Counselor
JEAN REGAN. Reading 1-2, 3-4



ROBERT ROBUCK. Concert, Marching, Pep, and Jazz Bands
PEGGY RODRIGUEZ. German, Russian
BEVERLY RYAN. Special Education
PAT RYAN. Custodian
JOE SASAUDO. Custodian
DON SCHEIBELER. Latin, English Skills 5-6, Senior Class sponsor
DENNIS SCHMOKER. Chemistry 1-2, 3-4



DICK SCHOEPPNER. Counselor
MARY SIEBRECHT. Career Foods, Cooperative Foods
CLARENCE SMELSER. American Studies, Humanities, Vocal Music
LINDA SMOLEY. Journalism, Yearbook, Newspaper
LEE SPANN. Sophomore, Concert, Swing Choirs
BETTY STRUTHERS. Secretary
THOMAS STULL. Driver Education



JAMES SUTHERLAND. Algebra 1-2, Geometry 1-2
STEVE SWEE. Accounting 1-2, 3-4
NANCY TANGEMAN. Foods
VONNIE TANGEMAN. Drafting, Printing, Key Club
DEBBIE TETTENBORN. General Business, Shorthand 1-2, 3-4
CAROL TILLER. Special Education, Senior Class Sponsor
DAVID TOBIAS. Adj. American Studies, American Studies



CHERYL TOUSLEY. English 5-6, Honors English 5-6, English Skills 5-6
MIKE TRIPP. English 5-6, Debate
CHRIS WAHL. English 7-8, English Skills 7-8. Honors English 3-4
ALICE WATKINS. Special Education
JOE WHEELER. Counselor
AL WORLEY. Driver Education
PAM ZIEBARTH. Keyboarding, Business Machines



PRESENTING A PLAQUE to instructor Marsha Grandick at the speech and debate banquet, Mindy Brewer and Tanya Rochaleau show their appreciation for the time Mrs. Grandick spent coaching them for speech competitions.

TEACHER TRADEMARKS

Match the teachers with their characteristics



7. Who plays the "Birthday Game"?
8. Who goes home to three Shetland sheepdogs and shows them all over the Midwest?
9. Who always says "Let's nail this test!"?
10. Who turned the school on to Charm Blow Pops?

CLASS CLOWN. Doing a trick for his geometry class, instructor Ron Lakatos spits his Big Red gum into the air and catches it in his mouth. "Mr. Lakatos relates well with students, because he acts just like us," said Amy French.

- A. Mrs. L'louis Bowman
- B. Mrs. Connie Byrnes
- C. Mr. Howard Graber
- D. Mr. Roger Kuhl

Answers:
7. Graber; 8. Byrnes; 9. Kuhl;
10. Bowman



SURROUNDED BY FLOWERS, balloons, and cheerleaders, instructor Patti Ford is thanked by Lisa Menuey, JV cheerleader. As cheerleading sponsor, Mrs. Ford often tried to solve personality conflicts within the squads.

WAITING TO SEE who'll sit by him in the birthday game, Shawn Holly listens as instructor Howard Graber reads his birthday messages written by female classmates. The "Birthday Game" was tradition in Graber's math classes.



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as eligibility rule
says we have to be

PASSING TO PLAY THE GAME

What took Mondays and Fridays for secretaries to process, made students mad, and won parent/teacher approval?

Sent to 503 students by the end of the seventh week, new eligibility downslips got mixed reactions from coaches, teachers, students, and parents.

A new policy stated that if a student took only the required 5½ classes and failed one in a week, the following week he was ineligible to participate in any co-curricular public event, excluding practices.

When he improved the grade, he was once again eligible.

Despite the extra hours of work downslips caused, teachers liked the rule, saying it was important to emphasize academics rather than activities.

"I used to look at the kids who were failing classes and still could play basketball," said Ruth Brown, math instructor. "This system is a lot bet-



WITH A GLUM LOOK, Julie Kadereit retrieves her first quarter English downslip from the mailbox.

ter."

Although coaches felt sports were important, they also wanted to emphasize academics.

"The policy didn't affect the volleyball team because we put emphasis on being at school for an education, not volleyball practice,"

said Mary Kyte, girls' volleyball coach. "If a student is failing a class, then she doesn't need to be practicing."

Other coaches shared the same feelings.

"I think it should have been done a long time ago," said Ron Lakatos, assistant wrestling coach. "It's great because we know exactly who can wrestle and who can't when that

list comes out every week. It's had a positive effect."

Parents liked the rule too.

"I think taking away something that my son enjoys has hurt him worse than idle threats," said Yvonne Hoover, mother of Doug Hoover '89, who received a downslip in the fall.

But students felt differently about the rule.

"I think it stinks because trig, the class I failed, is an elective," said Sue Hestness '87. "Why should I be punished for taking it and not succeeding?"

Since mailing the letters was so time consuming for secretaries, students sometimes complained that they didn't receive notification of failure until after the ineligible list was published.

"Mr. Spann was the one who told me that I was ineligible, and I had no idea about it," said Hestness.

Despite students disapproval, the faculty-favored eligibility rule was here to stay.

PROCRASTINATION PLAGUE

Putting things off 'til the last minute is a way of life for students

The "don't-do-today-what-can-be-put-off-until-tomorrow" disease was spreading, and 98 percent of us polled said we were affected.

Laziness and non-school priorities were the main reasons for putting things off.

"I have a pressure-filled life during the week to keep up with what's happening," said Brian Anderson '88. "Homework takes a back seat to the rest of my life because I don't make a point to focus on it."

Long term projects and reports seemed to be the most difficult for students to com-

plete on time. Denise Solazzo '87, recalled her troubles with a term paper.

"I knew my paper was going to be a hassle, but I didn't have the will or energy to get started," said Solazzo. "I suffered in the long run because I had to type the entire paper the night before. At 2:30 a.m. I dozed off before completing the footnotes. Because of my laziness, I got a D on a paper that should have been a B."

Speeches were another assignment students tucked away until visions of failing the course were well into view.

"I want to do a good job, but

when I have to write a speech, I seem to get a mental block," said Dawn Shipley '88. "I'm afraid to speak in front of large groups, so if I put off writing my speech, I won't worry about it as much."

Even though some students didn't mind losing points on late assignments, those who cared concocted memorable excuses.

"When I was teaching research papers, one of my students told me that his note cards were on top of his car and they blew away when he drove off," said Carol Murray, English instructor.



IGNORING A PILE OF BOOKS, Sara Harvey chats on the phone instead of completing assignments.



GUESS WHAT!

Students spend bucks to look great

Safari styles, Guess, the Brass Buckle, and the Limited had something that Chic, Wrangler, and Sears didn't.

Those names had the corner on fashion, and for students, fashion often meant acceptance.

"Having Guess is kind of a fashion statement," said Julie Armstrong '89. "You might not even like the style, but without Guess you feel kind of out of it. All of my friends had Guess clothes, so I bought some."

The stores where students purchased their clothes were almost as important as the brand names they sported on their pockets.

"One of the best things about the Brass Buckle is the new brand names," said Rich-

ard Streepy '89. "But the greatest part is the salespeople are all my age and nobody tries to sell me anything polyester or clothes that don't fit."

While brands and stores were important, 25 out of 40 students said the comfortable, casual look was a top priority.

"Most of my outfits come from the Limited, a store in the Westroads," said Nicole Askins '89. "The Limited carries Outback Red, my favorite brand, which represents the way I feel about myself."

Of those interviewed, 76 percent of the girls spent approximately \$100 per month on clothes and guys spent about \$50 to \$75.

"Clothes are really expensive, especially if you want something other than jeans and sweatshirts," said Jerry Cundiff '88. "When I'm going out, I realize how glad I am that I spent the extra money."

A MATCHING PAIR of suspenders is worn by Chad Redman and Melanie Judkins as they walk hand in hand to their seventh hour class.

Conversation Pieces Don't Tempt Me

MALL MANIA

Ads, fads, and sales lure shoppers

Mtv flaunted Generra, *Seventeen* showed off Esprit, and *Glamour* flashed Guess. Every where we looked, beautiful and sexy people wore clothes that screamed, "Buy me, and you'll be irresistible."

While advertising tempted almost everyone to spend lavishly, 42 percent of those polled said fads tempted them to buy everything from Swatches to silver shoes.

"I think having a Swatch that's really 'in' is a lot of fun," said Robb Traylor '89.

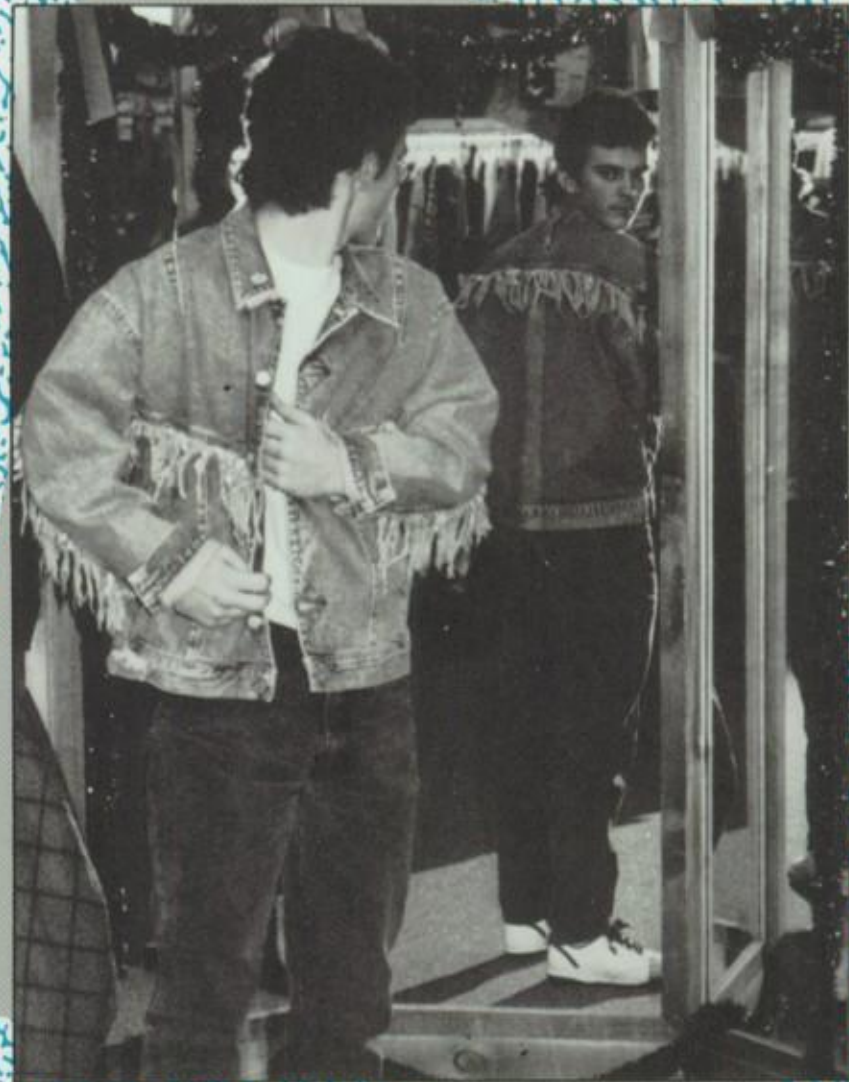
Sales tempted students, too, especially on tapes and clothes.

"I adore sales!" said Christy Riddle '89. "I go straight to the sales racks whenever I go shopping. I love it when I find things super cheap, and I'll buy them, even if I don't need them."

In the same poll, 40 percent indicated that when doing shopping with friends, they tended to spend more money.

"Sometimes my friends will encourage me to buy really trendy clothes or expensive jewelry that I would normally pass up," said Barb Leu '87.

A PERIPHERAL VIEW. Brad Benham checks himself out in a jacket from the Brass Buckle.



PLAYIN' FOR PEANUTS

Gambling becomes popular pastime for students seeking thrills



"I'LL SEE YOUR 10 AND RAISE YOU 5," says Tim Knauss to Scott Widtfeldt while the two play poker.

From cheering on the dogs at the track to risking a week's paycheck in a game of poker, gambling had become a way of life for students.

A poll of 52 students showed 70 percent had gambled, and 25 percent did so regularly.

The most popular games of chance were betting on the dogs or sports and playing cards.

Half of the gamblers

claimed they came out ahead by \$15 to \$20 on the average.

"I went to a poker party and lost a couple of dollars," said Phil Storey '87. "I found a couple quarters in the street, so I went back and played with those. I ended up with \$35."

The winnings had to come from somewhere, though, and 22 percent of the students admitted to being \$15 or more behind.

"One night at my house Tom (Lustgraaf) wanted to

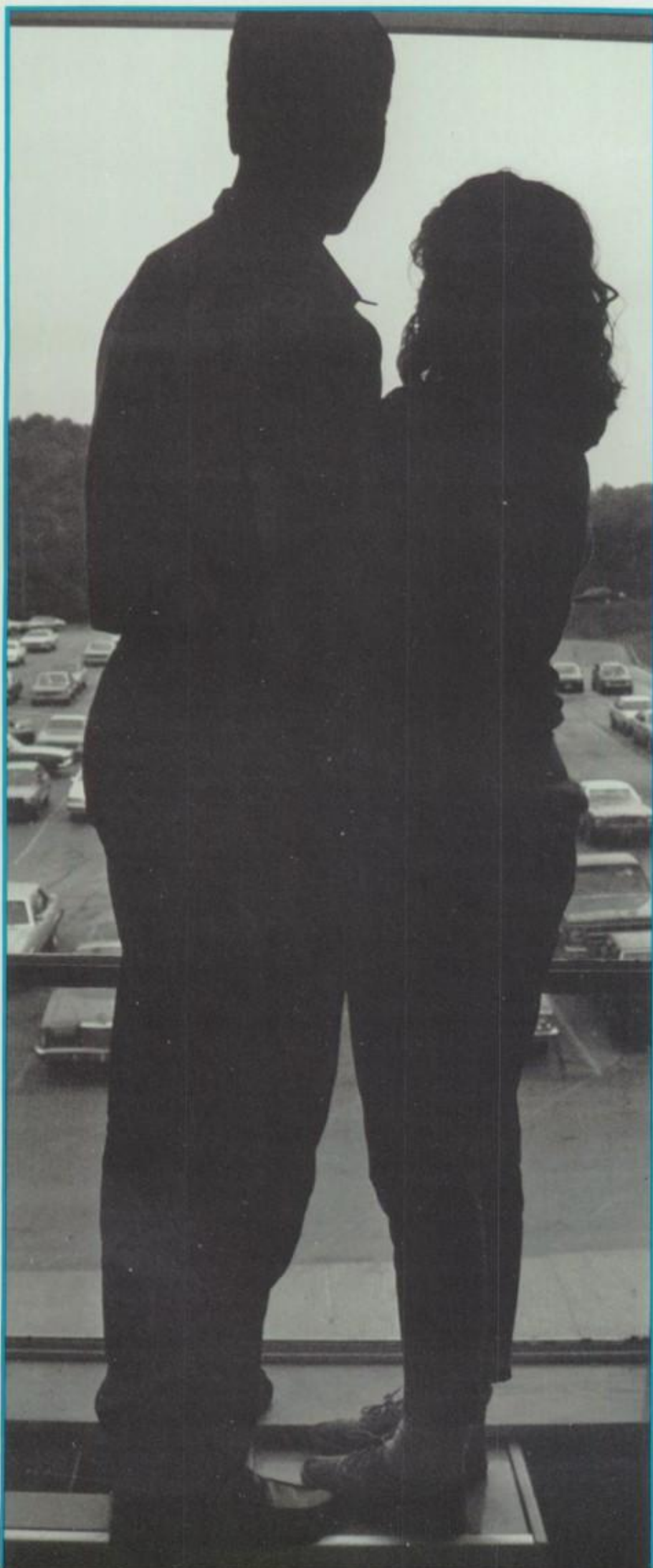
play my brother in a game of pool for \$10," said Scott Punteney '87. "Once they started going, everyone got in on the betting until Tom had about \$50 riding on the game. He lost and got so mad he smashed his dad's pool cue."

Most students realized gambling could lead to big problems.

"When someone loses a bunch, they bet more and can work themselves into a hole," said Jeff Lapel '87.

Teens suffer
lost reputations,
guilt as a result of

PRESSURES AND PASSIONS



I was at a party with my boyfriend," said a sophomore girl, "and we were drinking. Toward the end of the night, I was drunk and we were making out, then one thing led to another. The next morning I came back to reality and nothing was funny. The party was over, and I felt, sick, cheap, and dirty."

"It didn't make me feel any better to hear my boyfriend say, 'Why didn't you stop us before things went to far? You should have known what would happen and you could have called to a halt at any time.'"

In a poll of 175 students, 50 percent said they have had sexual intercourse at least one time, although not all had planned to do so.

"I was wasted, drunk and stoned. I hadn't planned on going all the way, but I happened to be with an older guy at the wrong time," said a sophomore girl. "After the high wore off, I regretted what I had done."

But of those who said they gave into sexual pressures, 50 percent said on their polls that they felt no remorse or guilt about their decision.

"I didn't plan on having sex, but why should I feel guilty about it? It had to happen sometime," said a freshman boy.

Yet in interviews, many

students said they were concerned about their reputations.

"There's a big story line behind me," said a junior girl. "I've experienced a lot, and people kind of know that about me. But the fact is that I'm not that different from other people."

"If a girl is known for going all the way," another girl said, "she'll have a hard time finding a real boyfriend because guys don't want to go out with a girl all the other guys talk about at the lunch table."

Even guys worried that they might have a hard time finding a date if they became known for "going all the way."

"Sometimes I think girls are afraid to go out with me because they think I'm after one thing," said a junior boy.

"A girl didn't ask me to Christmas Dance because she thought I'd take her to a motel."

Those who didn't give into sexual pressure said their main reasons were not being able to handle the responsibility of a pregnancy and their moral beliefs.

"Even before I heard guys talking about girls they had been with, I knew sex wasn't for me," said a senior girl. "I was raised believing sex is special and should be saved until marriage."

Conversation Pieces Put to the Test

Stressed out
students find that
testing can create

THE GREAT BRAIN STRAIN

ACT's, PSAT's, and ITED's were a bunch of meaningless letters to some, but to many college bound students, they were a source of stress, preparation, and surprise.

Though Iowa colleges admitted students with an ACT score as low as 19, students worried about scoring high enough.

"I wanted to do well on the ACT because teachers told me if you didn't, you wouldn't do well in college because their tests are based on standardized tests like the ACT," said Jolie Schmoker '87.

Others were more worried about scholarships.

"I usually get good scores on standardized tests, but I felt I really had to do well on the ACT's because if I didn't, I would lose a lot of money in scholarships," said Todd Fox '87, whose score of 33 made it possible for him to enter MIT.

Since there was no way for students to study for



PUTTING PENCIL to use on the ITED, Sally Rayburn works hard to get a good score.

these tests, they used a variety of methods to prepare.

"I got a good night's sleep and ate breakfast," said Jennie Thompson '87. "I also worked on the practice booklets and the computer discs in the counseling office."

Some students went to even more work to prepare.

Every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m., Molly Swank '88, went to a class on testing at Reading Plus in Omaha. During the six-week class, students took practice tests within increasingly shorter time limits to learn to work faster. They also did a lot of homework.

"Sometimes I would do up to ten math and vocabulary worksheets a week," said Swank. "Once my mother even had to do the worksheets because I

didn't have the time, and I was so frustrated I didn't even want to look at them. But the class must have helped because my verbal score on the PSAT went up 14 points the second time I took the test."

Whether or not students prepared, their scores often surprised them.

"My grades aren't that great, but I did well on the ACT," said Craig Stueve '87, who scored a 26. "My scores probably showed that I could do better in class if I tried harder and wasn't as lazy."

Others got the opposite surprise.

"I thought I was prepared for the ACT, but I wasn't satisfied when I received my scores because I was one point lower than I needed to apply for a Pell grant," said Leanne Ellis '87. "I took the test twice in hopes of getting a higher score."

Standardized tests caused stress, extra work and in some cases, pleasant surprise or serious disappointment.

FACT OR FICTION:

Questionnaires, magazine surveys reveal the truth about you

Most of us loved quizzes that revealed surprising and vital information like "Does He Really Love Me?" and "How Do I Rate on the First Date?"

Found in magazines from *Cosmo* to *Woman's World*, these quizzes were always good for a laugh or for the results some people believed.

"I think those quizzes are kind of fake," said Kathy Yeoman '88. "They are certainly nothing to base your life on, but sometimes I fill them out just for fun."

But then there were those who believed in the results.

"You really have to be gullible to believe those polls," said Katie McGuire '88, "and I'm really gullible. I'll believe almost anything."

Some people admitted to looking ahead at the "right" answers, like the answers that would give them the best lover title, the best fashion sense, or tell them money meant more to them than love.

"You want your score to come out to be how you perceive yourself rather than what you're really like," said Sarah Markuson '88. "Sometimes I catch myself cheating to get a better score."



"WHAT KIND OF FRIEND ARE YOU?" asks Carol Perfect of Dana Schamel, as they fill out a survey on friendship in *Seventeen*.

NO SWEAT?

Tests can be a breeze—at times

Annette Nielson '88, gripped the bar as she felt the chair below her feet pull away, leaving her feet to dangle and making her arm muscles tighten from sudden weight. She started to shake.

Seconds seemed like minutes, and she felt like every eye in the room was staring at her as she tried her best to do the dreaded arm hang. How she hated those physical fitness tests!

Whether P.E. students dreaded them or looked forward to their challenge, physical fitness tests were given at the beginning and end of every year without fail.

One of the most unpopular of the tests was the 600.

"I really dreaded running and found myself near death by the second lap," said Cindy

Voss '87. "By the next morning my whole body was stiff!"

The tests measured endurance, strength, and speed. For some students, just surviving physical fitness week was difficult, but for others, obtaining the Presidential patch was quite easy.

"Being in sports keeps you in good shape and makes you stronger, so the tests are easy to pass for athletes," said Mike Patten '87. "I run ladders in football, line drills in basketball, and quarters in track, and all the conditioning keeps my endurance up throughout the year."

The tests' purpose was to show students' improvement in P.E. throughout the year, but many students felt their P.E. class didn't teach them the skills tested.

"I don't think that playing ping pong or badminton has anything to do with fitness," said Shelly Brooks '87.



JUST HANGING AROUND. Amy Wheeler tests upper body strength in the arm hang during P.E.

Conversation-Pieces Family Ties

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Working for parents proves beneficial to students

Wouldn't it have been wonderful to have the ultimate job, where you could work whenever you wanted and do almost nothing? Where your boss loved you even when you messed up?

Some lucky students said they had just such a job working for Ma and Pa.

They listed better schedules, easier work, more pay, and no interview as advantages of having Mom and Dad as their employers.

Debbie Dolezal '88, felt she had the perfect job working for her father, a dermatologist. She developed her own schedule, depending on her mood and spare time.

"I was really my own boss," said Dolezal. "I kept quitting everytime I'd find another job and rehiring myself as I pleased."

Danny Poulos '90, liked working at his family's restaurant, Pizza King, because it was easy and fun.

"We wrestle around in back," said Poulos. "That is, until my dad comes in."

On the other hand, some students said working for Mom and Dad could be the toughest job of all.

"I have to keep busy all the time and if I'm not doing something, he'll send me home," said Chris Drustrup who works for his father. "He doesn't want his money wasted, so I really work hard to make sure it's not."



RELATIVELY SPEAKING. Working with Mom isn't so bad, according to Tad Brewer, who checks a billing with his mom, Lee Schaller, at the accounting firm they own.

DIVERSE DUO

Twins strive to be individuals

A university study reported in December that identical twins raised in separate homes were as alike as those raised together, proving genetics determined personality rather than environment.

But to identical twins at AL, the study's premise seemed all wrong, for they insisted twins weren't alike at all.

Differences came in several form, with twins first establishing separate styles.

"Phil and I don't want to be the same," said Dan Storey '87. "We don't act, dress, or comb our hair alike."

Twins also differed in interests and abilities.

"One of our main differences is strength. I'm better at weight lifting than Jennie, but she's better at volleyball," said Julie Thompson '87.

Yet twins' differences helped establish a certain closeness.

"It's neat to have someone else around that has different ideas and interests than me," said Kelly Heizer '87. "If Kim and I had the same personality, we wouldn't be able to relate to each other as well."

DOUBLE HELPING. Working as lunch aides, Martha and Mary Fitch serve ice cream to Jim Brown.



Pupils whose
parents work at AL
find themselves

STUCK WITH MOM AND POPS

Although most students seemed to feel that having a parent working in the school would disrupt their lives to no end, those who suffered this fate usually handled it with grace, not to mention guts.

Thirteen families sent a parent and a child to AL everyday.

Of the 15 students involved, 11 of them liked having Mom or Dad around, recognizing advantages, such as always having someone to talk to, ride to school with, and borrow money from.

"Having Mom around comes in handy every once in a while when I need some lunch money or something," said Jason Bowman '89, son of L' Louise Bowman, French teacher.

But with the good, came the bad.

One of the disadvantages was that these parents had several direct pipelines to everything going on with their teen.

"One of my teachers went up to my dad and told him that I was talking too much in class," said Beth Tangeman '89. "It bugged me, but it would have been worse if the teacher had called my parents up that night just to tell them what I was doing wrong."

Things became most trying for these students when playing on a team or taking a class under their own par-

ent, for then, these kids felt they had to prove their abilities more than anyone else.

"When there's a guy on the (basketball) team about equal to me," said Scott Nielsen '87, son of Phil Nielsen, basketball coach, "I have to prove I'm good enough to be playing, not just being favored because I happen to be the coach's son."

Things were perhaps most difficult for the principals' kids.

"I get picked on a lot about being the assistant principal's son," said Kyle Maher '90, son of Fred Maher, assistant principal. "They say I won't get busted because my dad is an assistant principal. They also criticize him, but they usually do it under their breath so I won't hear."

In all, the situation was an obstacle, but these students hurdled it with little trouble.

"It's not such a good thing when you father's the principal," said Michelle Frick '89, daughter of Principal Fred Frick. "But there's not much I can do about it, and I don't want to change schools or anything, and this way, he's there if I need him, and I know more about school activities in advance."

WILL TWO FRICKS FIT? On the way to a tennis match, Michele Frick and her father, Principal Fred Frick, walk out of the building together.



Conversation Pieces On the Move

ADIEU, AMIGO

Friendships don't end with goodbye

QQ **H**osting an exchange student is truly an adventure. It can change your entire life." So says a brochure from International Student Exchange of Iowa.

Those who had hosted exchange students found the best "life changes" were the formation of long friendships.

"My exchange student and I still write each other all the time. I'd really like to go to France next summer to visit her," said Kelly Halsted '88, who had a student stay with her for a month in the summer.

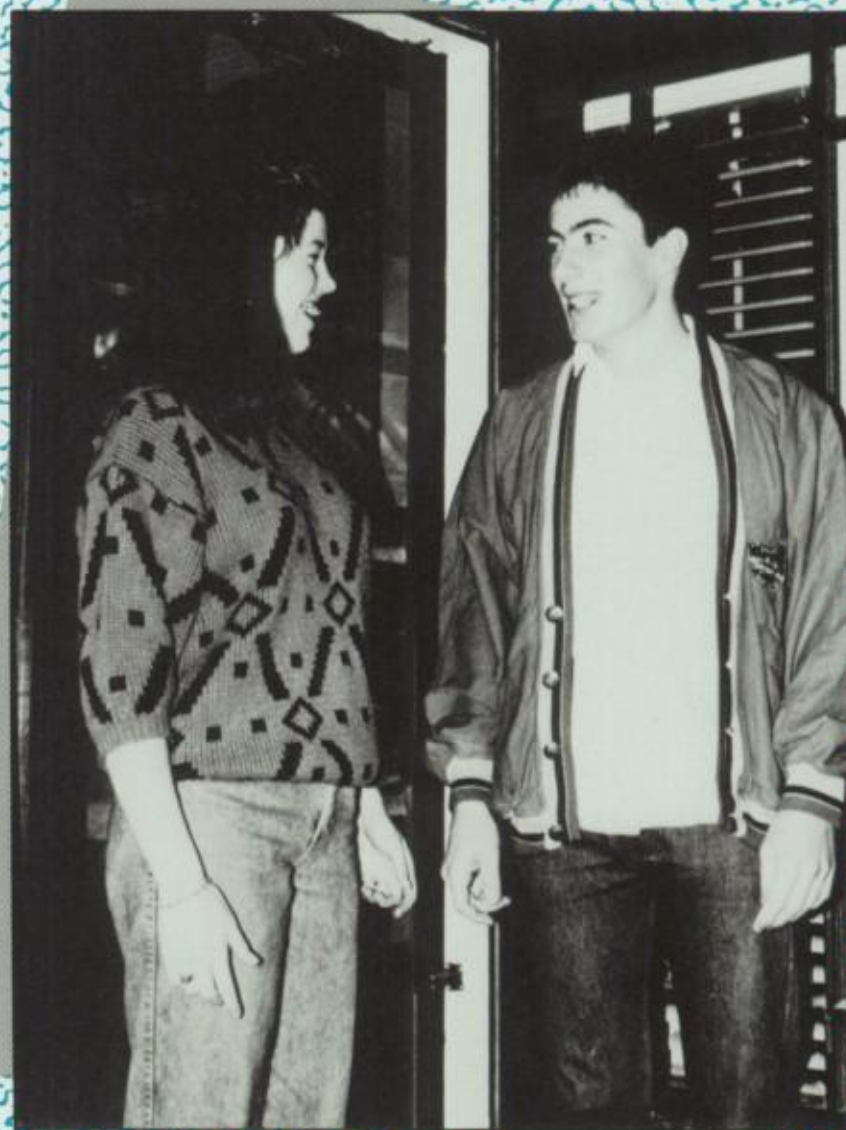
Students also found that

having a student from a foreign country was more fun and educational than reading about that place in a library book.

The family of Ann ('87) and Denny ('89) Kirlin hosted Laurent Comes, a student from Paris, for the school year and found it to be a time of learning and enjoyment.

"After taking French six years, it's neat to have someone to practice with," Ann said.

WITH A WELCOMING SMILE, Ann Kirlin greets Laurent Comes, an exchange student from France, at her front door.



A FRESH START

New students make adjustments to join the crowd

Feeling anxious and excited, Rachel Stageman '88, got up at 6 a.m. to make sure she would look extra nice for her first day at AL.

She moved to Council Bluffs from Washington last summer, so she felt a little unsure.

"I didn't know anything about AL, but after a few days I knew I would like it here because people made me feel comfortable," said Stageman.

By the end of the first quarter, 123 students had come to AL from places as far away as Washington and Kansas and as close as Omaha. All had adjustments to make.

"Classes are harder here. I have to study twice as hard to get halfway decent grades," said James Kohl '88, a transfer from Tee Jay.

New students also had to get used to new rules.

"In Kansas, when we cut a class, they just yelled at us,"

said Charles Stahl '89. Sometimes we got a detention. Here, we get in-house the first time."

Many transfer students found people as well as policies different.

"At my school in Omaha, there were tons of cliques — preppies, punks, head-bangers, nerds, and athletes," said Nathan Klaus '90. "It was obvious what group everyone was in, but here people aren't as concerned with cliques."



"IS THIS THE RIGHT ROOM?" Fawn Rigg, new student from Wyoming, double checks her schedule to make sure she has found her 5th hour class.

Students spend
their time, money,
and much energy on

BEAUTIES AND BEATERS

Three hundred hours in the frozen foods section and dairy cooler at Hy-Vee added up to much more than calloused hands and a cold for Scott Kenkel '87. That was how Kenkel paid for his '79 Monte Carlo.

"In addition to my \$400 savings, my parents loaned me \$600 to buy the car," said Kenkel. "I had to pay them back and buy the \$250 stereo that I put in the car."

But even with hours of hard work, not all students could afford a nice car, so they settled for a beater.

"My car is kind of a piece of junk, but it was available and cheap, only \$100, so I got it," said Nate Wichman '88. "I'm going to

have to spend about \$500 to fix it up, so I might not have saved as much as I thought after all."

But whether students owned rad cruising vessels or beaters, wheels meant freedom. Students didn't have to wait for parents to pick them up or borrow the family fun wagon any longer.

"I used to have to wait for my mom for an hour after school, and it got tiring because all I did was sit in the journalism room and look for things to keep me busy," said LeAnne Ellis '87. "I love having my own car now because I'm free to come and go whenever I please."

Yet, for all car owners, freedom came at a price.

"My uncle gave me an '80 Berlinetta Camaro," said Troy Spencer '88. "Now I'm spending \$440 every six months for insurance and \$15 per week on gas. Even with a job, it's hard for me to afford all the extra expenses."

Some students had to pay in ways other than gas and insurance.

Bob Drummond '88, had to maintain good grades and good behavior and agree to restore the inside of his '58 Ford Ranch Wagon in order to keep his car.

"Sometimes the car is a lot more trouble than I think it's worth," Drummond said. "It's not hard work but it takes extra time and money that I sometimes don't have."

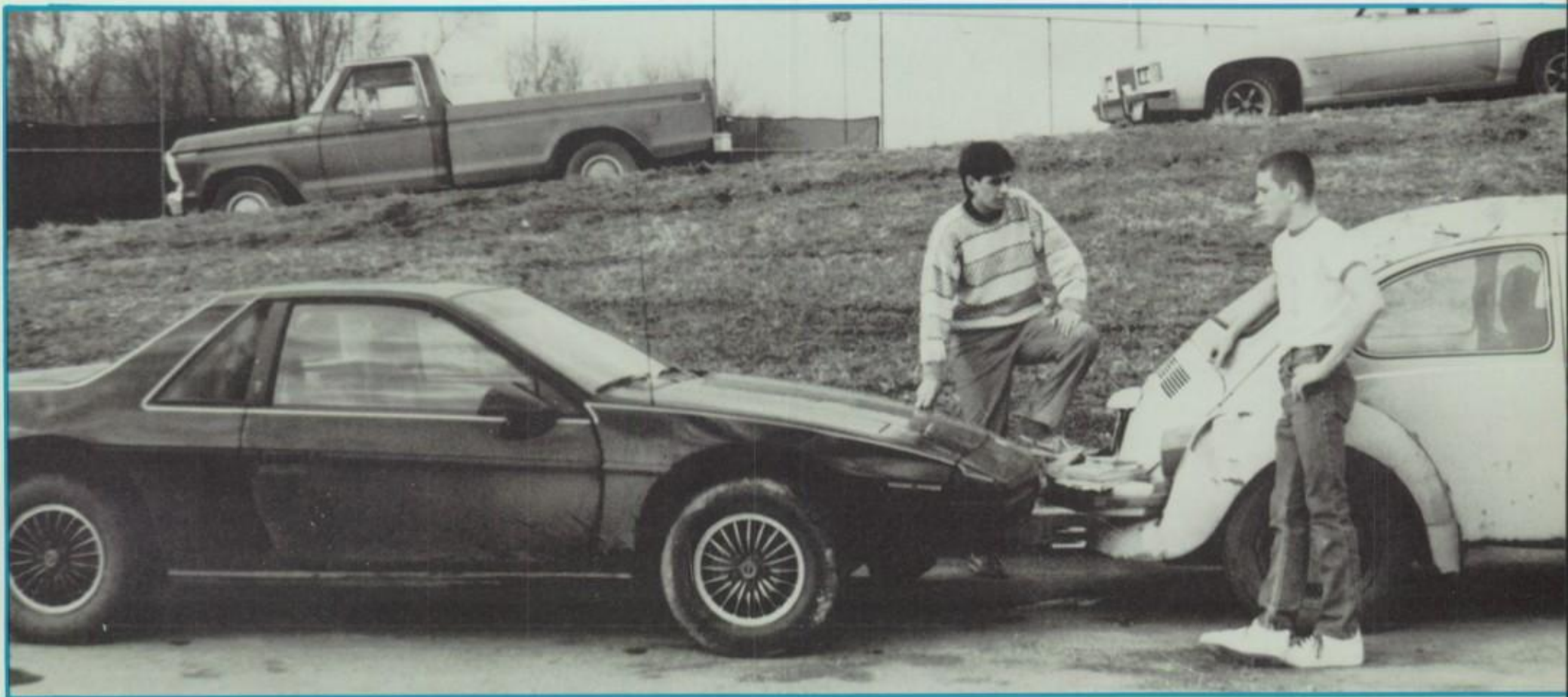
Repairs and maintenance weren't the only aspect of owning a car that proved to be more of a responsibility than some students had expected.

"When I got my car, I was really excited and felt a lot older, but the excitement wore off fast," said Nancy Wagner '87.

"Running errands for my mom and taking friends places got old very quickly."

Yet, in the long run students said the advantages of their wheels outweighed the disadvantages of being stuck without transportation.

CLASSY OR CLASSIC? Hanging out by their cars, a 1986 Fiero and an old Volkswagen, Keith Lodia and Nate Wichman talk in the parking lot.



Conversation Pieces Handle With Care

PETS AS PALS

Furry friends comfort and love us

I imagine waking up to the sensation of a cold, wet tongue sliding across your face. You open your eyes, ready to tell whoever it is where to take their slobbery tongue, but you realize it's your dog, wishing you a good morning.

Many pets made daily wake-up calls to owners. A poll revealed that 81 percent of students had pets.

Some students had unusual pets like horses and birds.

"When I first got my parakeet," said Kim Swanson '88, "two little eyes just stared at me. Now he follows me around like a dog. It makes me feel

good because it shows he likes me, but sometimes I'm afraid I'll squish Toby."

Close relationships with pets were shared by 83 percent of those polled.

"My dog seems like one of the family," said Dawn Pitzer '87. "We're even giving him Christmas presents."

Pets also provided a comfort to their owners.

"When I'm sad, my dog paws at me and does tricks for me," said Brenda Spencer '88.

NUZZLING A MUZZLE, Windy Kennedy pets her horse Tate before taking him for a ride on her acreage.



THE BEST OF BUDDIES

Through thick and thin, close companions stick it out together



NAP TIME. Kristi Gift, Ami Feekin and Wendi Miller take a break on the bus home from an AL football game played at Lincoln.

Friendship. Webster's definition of it was the attachment between friends, a strong bond between two people.

It was hard to imagine life without friends. They were included in almost every activity.

"Cari and I are practically inseparable," said Katrina Tompkins '88. "She even goes out with me and my boyfriend!"

Practically everyone had

a close friend, someone with whom they shared everything.

"During cheerleading tryouts, I was really scared and didn't want anyone to know I was trying out, but my best friend cheered me on and told me to try my hardest," said Reo Price '88.

Although friends were often there to comfort and help with problems, they sometimes caused them. Students said two of their

friends' most thoughtless acts were confiding secrets to others and making "double" plans.

"I made plans to go out with a friend one Friday night about a week in advance," said Scott Downing '90. "But he didn't think I meant it because he made plans with someone else."

So as they experienced the joys and pains of friendship, students learned to handle it with care.

Whether cars,
clothes, or houses,
you found that you

BORROW AT YOUR OWN RISK



When students had nothing to wear, needed a place to party or a way to get around, where did they turn?

Most turned to Mom, Dad, and the rest of the family and asked to borrow things like clothes, money, cars, and houses.

Such loans weren't made without conditions. The family's prized possessions had to be handled with care, or the borrower had to face the wrath of parents or a bigger, stronger, sibling.

When they ran out of cash, many students headed first for Mom's purse or Dad's wallet.

"I borrow money from my parents a lot, and they're always yelling at me for never giving them the change," said Chuck McKinley '89.

Many students without a set of wheels of their own found themselves begging for the family boat for an evening, but Heidi LaSala '90 had bad luck in her car borrowing.

"I backed our car into a condominium when my parents were out of town. I never heard the end of it!" said LaSala.

Personal items, such as a favorite sweater or tape were also borrowed, often

"I WON'T LOSE IT, MOM!" Sheila Eyberg reassures her mother, who helps her get ready for the Christmas Dance by fastening a family heirloom.

without permission.

"One time when I borrowed my sister's clothes, they got torn. It's a good way not to get anymore loans!" said Shelly Leeper '90.

Borrowing expensive things was a way of life for students with meager incomes, but the most dangerous was the family house.

Scenes of trashed homes in movies like *Sixteen Candles* may have worried students a bit, but many couldn't resist taking their chances, despite the risk.

Chris Stevens '87 had the biggest friend she knew serve as bouncer to insure no damage at her parties, but for others, crowd control was impossible and the house suffered the consequences.

Melody Massih '87, had just planned on having a few friends over for the night, but what happened was total chaos. She found flower pots overturned, people taking showers without permission, and unruly guests feeding beer to her dog and sitting in her yard at 1 a.m. listening to a radio.

"Everyone was running around screaming. I found yogurt on the window and beer cans everywhere," said Massih. "Worst of all, two guys got into a fight in the kitchen and two girls fought on the porch, which brought my neighbors out."

Conversation Pieces Toothy Matters

It's always so terrifying when the dentist announces

THIS WON'T HURT YOU A BIT

Walking into the office knowing I was about to have a root canal was nerve racking enough, but at least the dentist could have had his schedule right," said Krissy Kelley '89.

"There was a girl before me named Krissy, and she was supposed to get two teeth pulled. Accidentally, he pulled two of my lower teeth. I haven't gone back."

This was just one of many harrowing experiences students had at their dentist's office.

Some complained their dentist or orthodontist had made careless, painful errors.

"The orthodontist let an instrument slip off my braces, and it ripped half the skin out of my mouth," said Craig Stueve '87. "I was really mad."

Mike Feller '87, said his dentist began drilling without numbing.

"He had to stop and numb my mouth half way through the process,"

Feller said. "I was shocked, but I took it with good humor."

In addition to needless pain, students had suffered embarrassment at the dentist's office.

"Once when I had novocaine in my bottom lip, I slobbered on myself while rinsing my mouth," said Bob Drummond '88.

Amy French '88, said she remembered an extraction.

"The dentist pulled my tooth so hard that it flew out of my mouth and fell on the floor. Everyone was crawling around looking for it," said French.

Some students had even bitten their dentist.

"My dentist gave me a shot of novocaine and I bit his finger," said Scott Flickinger '89. "Now he puts stoppers in my mouth."

No matter whose fault these experiences were, students weren't likely to forget them for a long time.

"OPEN WIDE!" Dental assistant Norma Lansangan tightens Tammy Ulrich's braces at her checkup.



POLISHING PEARLIES

Brushing, flossing, and rinsing lead to superb smiles

Brush your teeth, round and round, circle small, gums and all..." was the motto Captain Kangaroo taught us years ago, and most of us continued to live by it.

Every morning started off with brushing to make the whites pearly for 73 percent of students polled.

"I have to brush my teeth every morning, or they feel disgusting, slimy, and gross," said Kristin Colyer '88.

Besides brushing in the morning, 64 percent cleaned their chompers before bed.

"If I don't brush my teeth and retainer before I go to bed,

I wake up with a horrible taste in my mouth," said Molly Swank '88.

The poll showed Crest was the most popular brand of toothpaste, while Colgate and Aim were in close competition.

Although a variety of brands were available in pump and tube, pushing a button wasn't always preferred.

"My little brother really likes the pump, but I prefer the tube because when you push the pump down all the way, eight gallons of toothpaste ends up sticking to the cap," said Todd Fox '87.

Scope was a favorite

mouthwash of 21 percent of those polled, who said they often used mouthwash before going out.

"I am always paranoid about how my teeth look and if I have fresh breath, especially when I want to impress someone," said Windy Kennedy '89.

Flossing and the use of a waterpik weren't necessities, but 41 percent took advantage of their benefits.

"If you've seen a person who wear braces after eating corn on the cob, you'll understand why I use a waterpik," said Rachel Stageman '88.



TO KEEP A BRIGHT SMILE, Troy and Mindy Spencer brush their teeth before school.



As the buzzer of his alarm sounded, Larry Stover '88, dreaded getting out of bed, but with a jolt, he realized it was the first day of summer, the day he was getting his braces off.

Two and a half years earlier, he had his silver eye catchers put on. Now, the day to reveal his pearly whites had arrived. He didn't care if anyone else liked or even noticed his "new" teeth, but he knew he would feel more confident with a perfect smile.

Like Stover, many students were self-conscious about their teeth.

"I always worried that people wouldn't like me because of my teeth, so I never smiled," said Chris Stom '88, who got braces in sixth grade.

Since teeth were one part of

the body that could be corrected, many students spent thousands of dollars and valuable time at the orthodontist's office.

A poll of 100 students showed 43 had worn braces, paying from \$1400 to \$2800 for the procedure and spending anywhere from six months to three years as metal mouths.

Derek Bees '89, was a typical patient. He had his braces on for about 22 months and followed his treatment religiously.

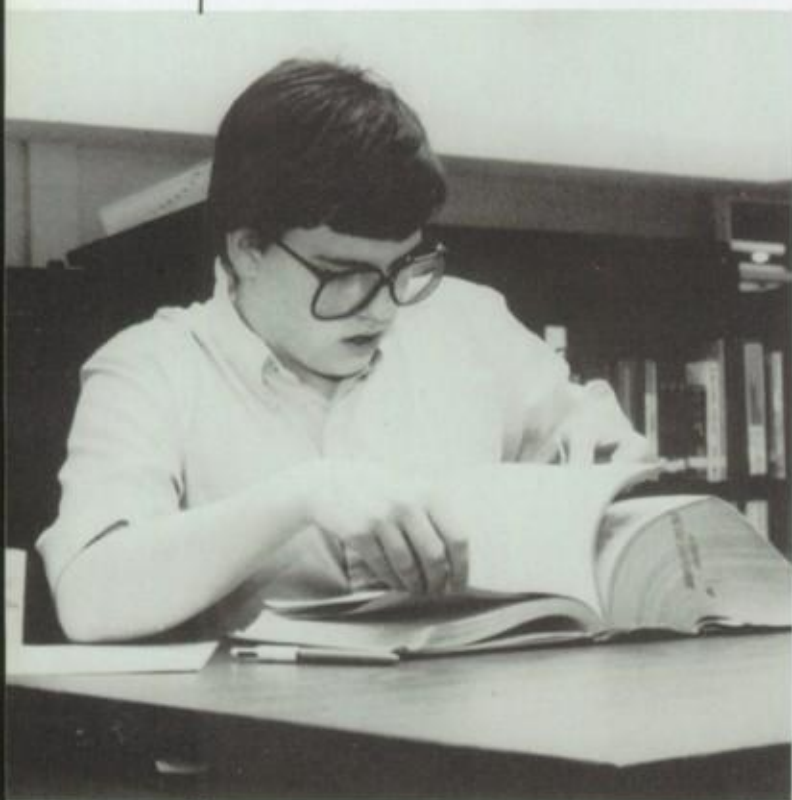
On the other hand, Andrea Darveaux '87, wore her shiny bands for four and half years simply because she refused to cooperate.

"For six months, my head gear just sat on my lampshade, and I had tons of packets of rubber bands lying around," said Darveaux.

Eventually, she wised up and finally got her braces off.

SHOWING HER PEARLY WHITES, Donna Sanders laughs at a joke told by Corey Ranslem in study hall.

WHAT'S THE CODE WORD? Kevin Marsh looks through the Iowa Code, which tells the limitations allowed in city government. Marsh served on a committee with the city council to decide whether Council Bluffs should adopt a mayor or manager form of government.



RINGING UP A SALE, Paula Dix uses the cash register at Munchville at the Mall of the Bluffs. Dix began working up to 20 hours a week when the mall opened and after Christmas put in up to 15 hours a week.

"WHICH ROOM DO YOUR'S GO TO?" Marlene Abel asks Jeanette Hesse while they wait for the elevator at Jennie Edmundson Hospital. The girls candystriped for three hours every Tuesday evening. Their duties included delivering flowers, feeding patients, and working in the gift shop.



Getting the BEST from Our Town

kay, so we weren't always happy about living in Council Bluffs. It wasn't exactly a throbbing metropolis with all the best shopping and entertainment around, but still, we strived to get the best from our town

by giving our best to it.

Seventy of us took jobs at the new mall, 48 of us candystriped at Jennie Edmundson, and one of us even worked with the city council.

For some, a job at the mall meant facing pressures of working up to 40 hours a week, starting with the opening right through the Christmas rush with a regular paycheck as their only consolation.

Candystripers, on the other hand, received no paycheck for the one night a week they worked.

"We help the community by paying attention to hospitalized people who wouldn't necessarily receive any," said Sheryl Anderson '89. "I've learned how to communicate with people who don't always want to communicate back."

Kevin Marsh '88, also improved his communication skills on the city council committee to select a mayor or manager form of city government.

"Working with the city council took debating, because I had to convince a roomful of adults of a position that so many were bound to be against," he said. "The knowledge and confidence I gained more than compensated for my time."

Whether we worked at the mall, candystriped, or got into politics, we realized that to get the best from our town, we had to give our best.

"The cafe court is the best thing about the new mall because it offers so much variety. Midlands was so dark and dreary, but the new mall is bright, which makes a great atmosphere."

Lisa Christiansen



HUNGRY MEN. Chad Redman and Scott Flickinger stop to have a bite in the Cafe Court during a day of shopping.

The BEST of entertainment

Students find fun after midnight

Remember when your mother said, "Nothing but trouble happens after midnight!"? Well, this was the year to prove her wrong.

Now Council Bluffs had two after-midnight activities for teens, Rock-a-Bowl at Brunswick and "Midnight Madness" at Crescent Ski Hills.

If you didn't mind waiting until midnight, Rock-a-Bowl was relatively inexpensive, with the average expense of \$5 to \$10 for two hours of fun.

"Rock-a-Bowl was worth the cost because you could play pool and video games,

and bowl as many games as you wanted to all in one place," said Marsha Anderson '88.

Meanwhile, improvements estimated at \$300,000 helped draw teens to "Madness." After expansion of the Crescent Ski Hills' snowmaking and kitchen facilities as well as the addition of another slope and chairlift, Friday and Saturday nights from midnight to 6 a.m. were reserved for three hundred 14-to-20-year olds.

"I like to ski but I'm a night person," said Brian Arrowsmith '90. "Before the new hours, I was never

allowed to stay out late. But now that there's 'Midnight Madness' I have somewhere to go."

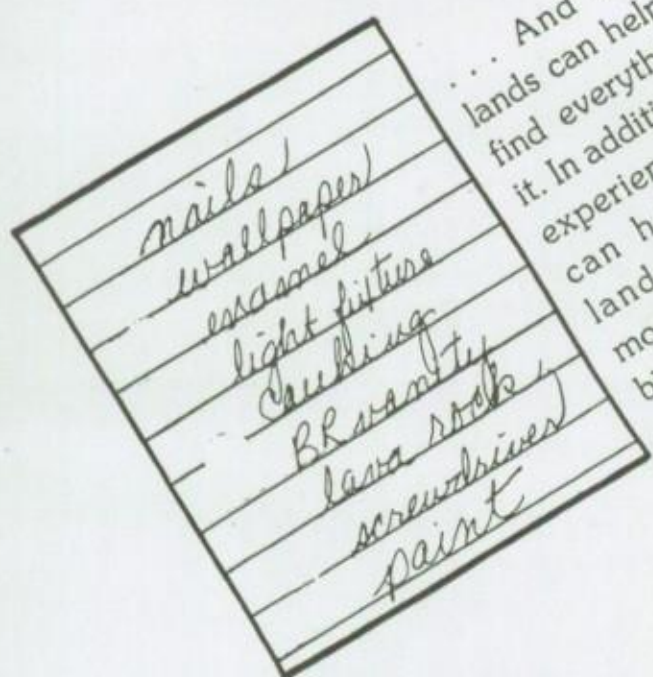
The late hours showed skiers that a break could re-energize weary muscles and bones.

"I'd get so tired by 3 a.m.," said Michele Andrews '90, "and everyone would go to the lodge and crash. But after an hour of resting, we would get a second wind and everyone was ready to ski again."

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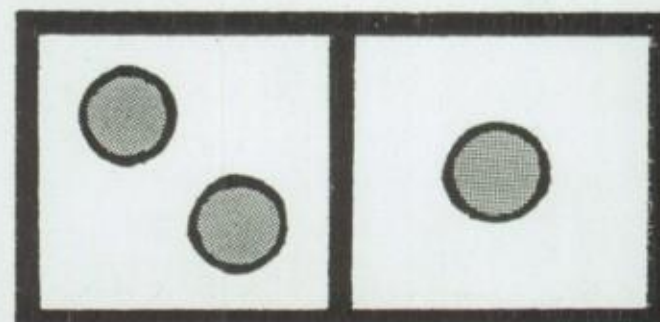
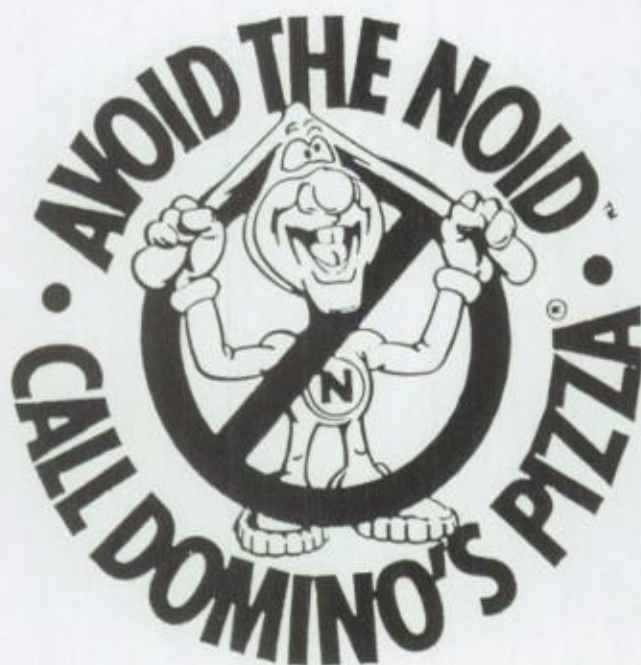
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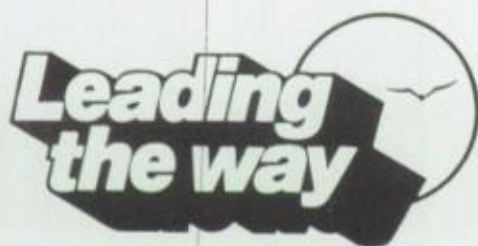
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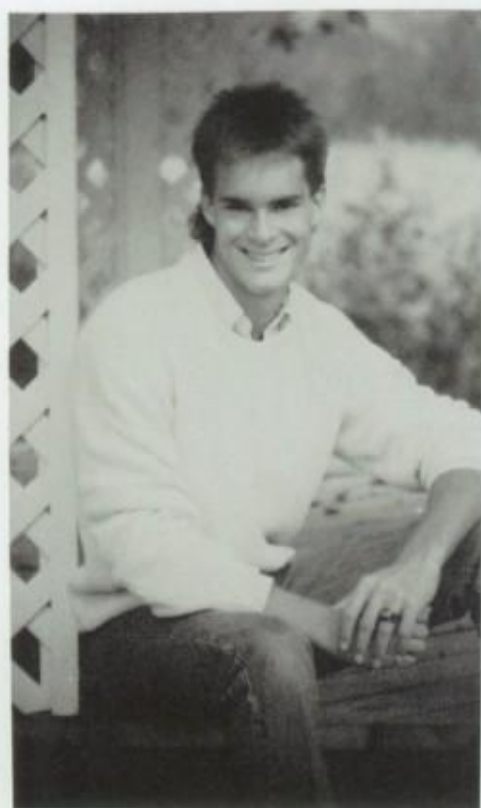
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"I thought it was gonna be another boring Friday night," said Mike Custer '90, "but when I got to the mall, I saw a lot of people I knew and we got something to eat.

"Then we went to see a movie and after that, we went over to the arcade and played a few games. It turned out to be a really fun night."

Most students said they preferred the new mall to the old.

"The new movie theater has a bigger selection," said Kris Mauer '90 "and it's a lot cleaner."

Most agreed that socializing was a big part of visiting

the new mall.

"Usually when I go to the new mall I just walk around and talk with my friends," said Troy Pitzer '89. "There are always a lot of people I know, so it's fun."

Most students polled said they went to the mall at least once a week.

"I love to shop," said Kelly Bates '87. "I usually go check out the new clothes."

Over 75 percent agreed

the new mall needed some additions to make it better. Most girls wanted to see the Limited move in while the boys wanted the Hitchin' Post.

"I want the Post to come because I think it has a lot of neat styles," said Custer.

Whether they went to eat, shop, or talk, everyone agreed they needed the mall for one reason or another.



SOCIABLES Candy Brown, Craig Price, and Debbie Over gather in front of RoRo's to talk about their plans for the weekend.

MANIA CHALLENGE. Craig Stueve spends a Thursday after school playing games at the arcade in the Mall of the Bluffs.



STARVING, Chad Redman and Dawn Lukes decide what they want to eat from Runza in the Cafe Court.





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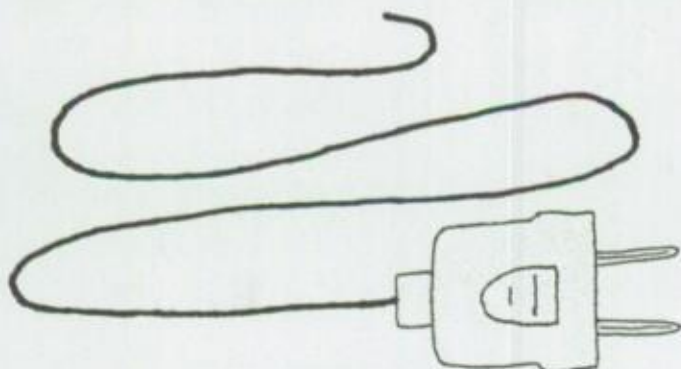
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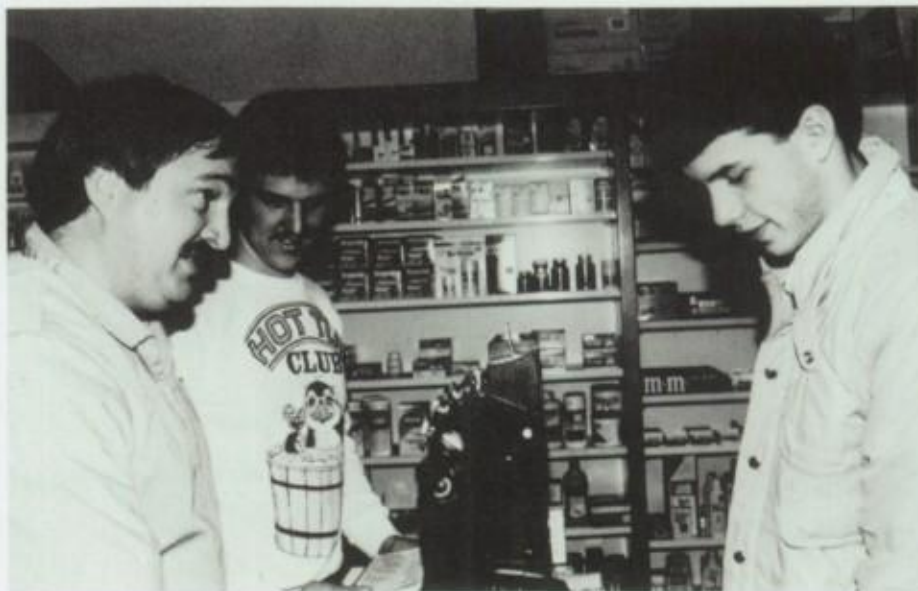
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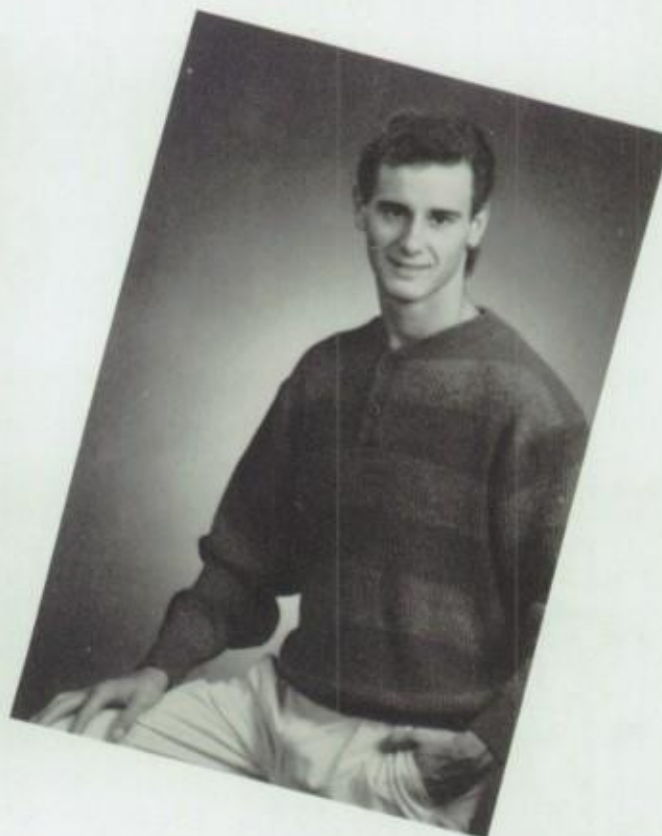
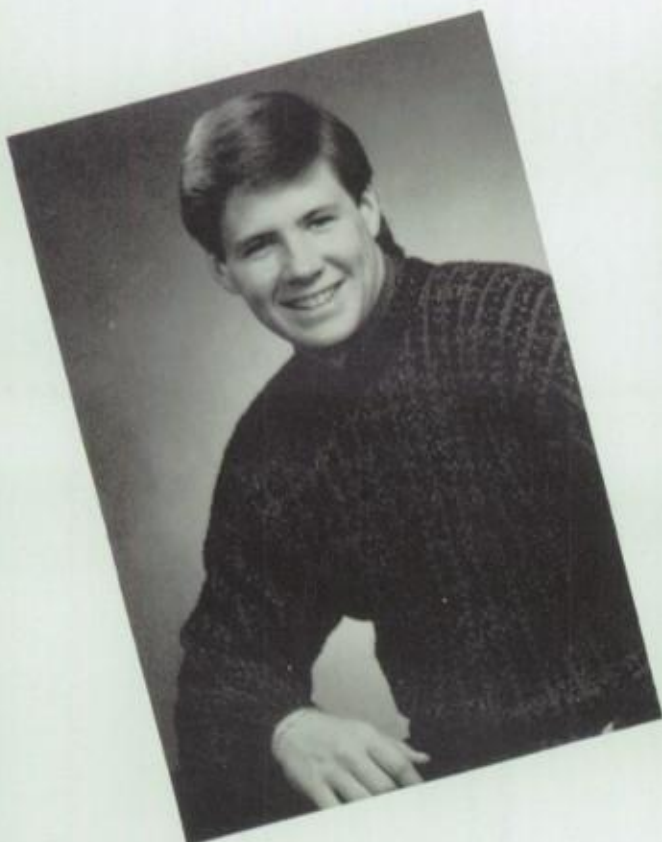
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It's the drive-in theater, and although the Des Moines Register reported in May that drive-ins were disappearing, C.B.'s theater continued to thrive with 75 percent of students polled saying they attended the drive-in regularly.

Although the drive-in was a relatively cheap evening, which cost about \$5 to \$7, some still chose to hide and get in free.

"One night, five of us went to the drive-in," said Ed Beal '88. "Two of us

paid, and the rest hid in the trunk and on the car floor. It was an uncomfortable ride, but knowing we were getting in free made it an even funnier night."

Seventy-five percent of the students polled said they liked the drive-in's fewer restrictions.

"I think it's a lot of fun because you can walk from car to car and talk to your friends, unlike the indoor theater where you get kicked out if you make any noise," said Melanie Ferris '87.

Mike Custer '90, remembered one night when the drive-in's free atmosphere resulted in a humorous

prank.

"One night someone called the police to report someone choking. It was funny because when the cops came, they announced over the P.A. that whoever is choking should report to the ambulance," said Custer.

At least in Council Bluffs, the drive-in was sure to remain popular as a cheap, enjoyable evening for kids in search of fun.

TAKING A BREAK BETWEEN FEATURES, Sue Claussen, Stephannie VanScoy, and Ronni Shaw share a drink at the drive-in.





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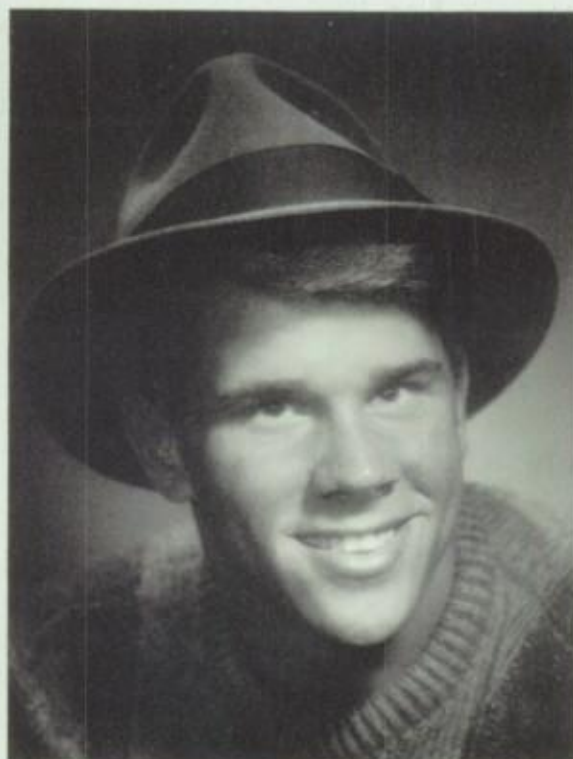
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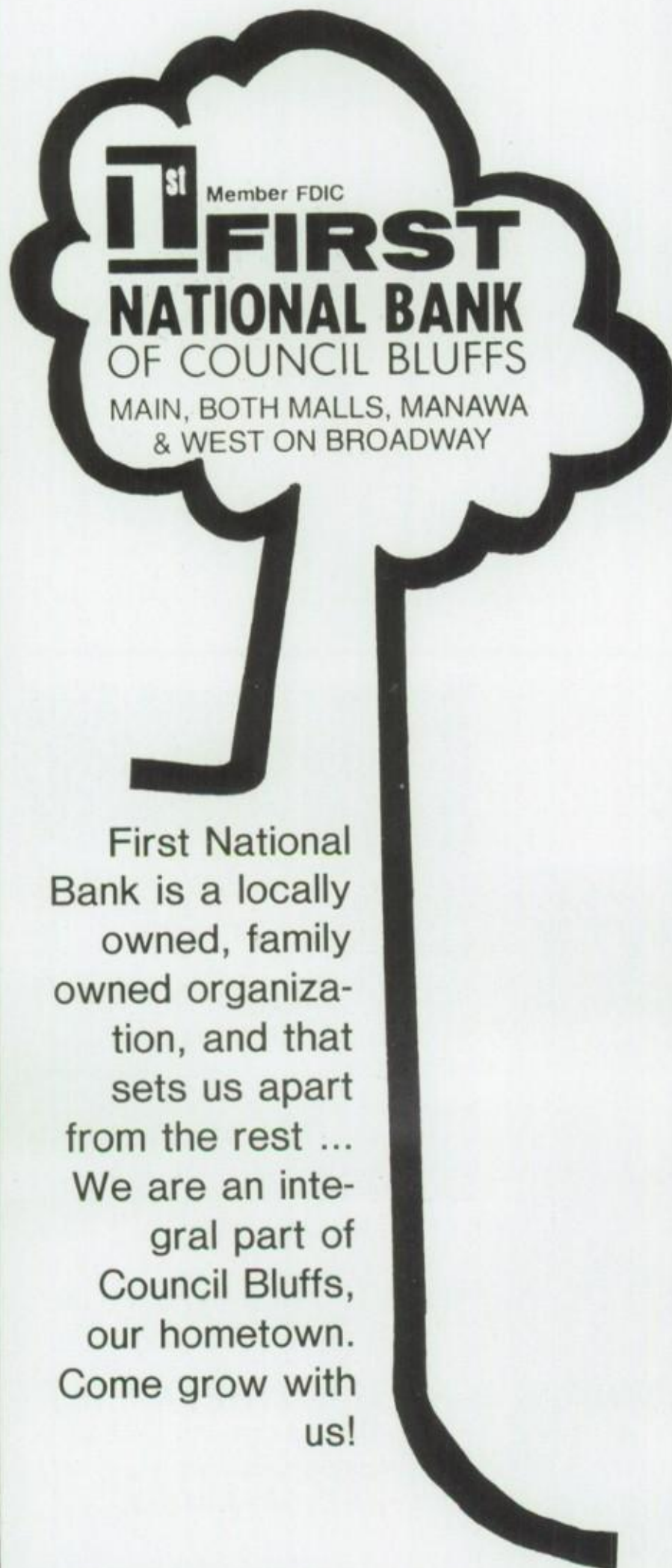
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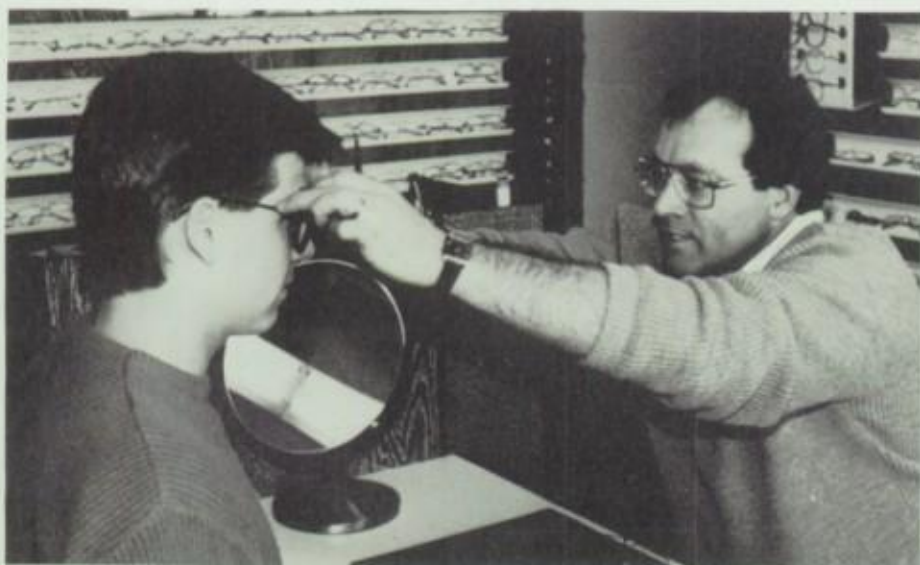
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The BEST of dreams

If you won a million dollars in the lottery, what would you do with it?

"I would get a good education, and blow the rest because I have never been able to hold onto money."

Trisha Ira '87

"I would buy a nice car, take a trip, and spend the rest, because I've never had that kind of money before."

Michelle Bottrell '89

"I would move to a California beach house so I could swim and get all the sun I want. Then, there would be no more winter for me!"

Monica Roth '88

"I'd send out flyers for a big bash in a farmer's field. Then I'd take five of my friends and go to Paris because I'm graduating and I'm gonna have fun!"

Jeff Coppock '87

"I would invest most of it and

try to make a lot more to make sure I'd be super rich for the rest of my life."

Randy Points '88

"I'd buy a mountain in Colorado, put a house on it, keep enough to live on, and give the rest to people who need it."

Larry Brown, Social Studies



WISHING SHE REALLY HAD A MILLION DOLLARS to spend, Michelle Bottrell tries on a diamond necklace worth \$745 at Brodkey's in the Mall of the Bluffs.

The BEST of belongings

If your house were on fire, what would you try to take with you as you escaped?

"I would take my cat, Milliscent, because I wouldn't want to be without her."

Sarah Schultz '90

"I would take my baseball card collection because it's worth the most money."

Brian Punteney '90

"I would take my clothes. I

really like them a lot, and I would hate to try to replace them all."

Lisa Koenig '89

"I would take my creative writing book because it's a part of me, and it can't be replaced."

Gretchen Johnson '88

"I would take my teddy bears because I've had them for so long."

Shane Sanders '88

"I would take my Prom dress because I spent so much time making it, and I really love it."

Leanne Ellis '87

"I would take my kids' baby pictures because they can't be replaced."

Miriam Boyd, Art



PRIZED POSSESSION. Leanne Ellis admires the first thing she'd save from a fire, her peach taffeta Prom dress, which she spent about five weeks making.

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The BEST of company

If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you most want to be with?

"The perfect person to be stranded with is my boyfriend, Eric, because we get along well and he would make being stranded just like another fun date."

Stephanie VanScoy '87

"I'd want to be with Kathy Ratashak and Carol Daly because we wouldn't think of it as being stranded. We would have the best time we could until we were rescued."

Brooke Ratley '89

"I'd want to be with 30 guys who all have skate-



boards because I really like to skateboard and it would give me something to do."

Dan Bockert '90

"I'd like to be stranded with Mr. Kloppner because then maybe we could become friends and he would

SPECIAL FRIENDS who wouldn't mind being stranded together, Kathy Ratashak and Brooke Ratley spend a late spring afternoon in the sun.

give me A's."

Troy Spencer '88

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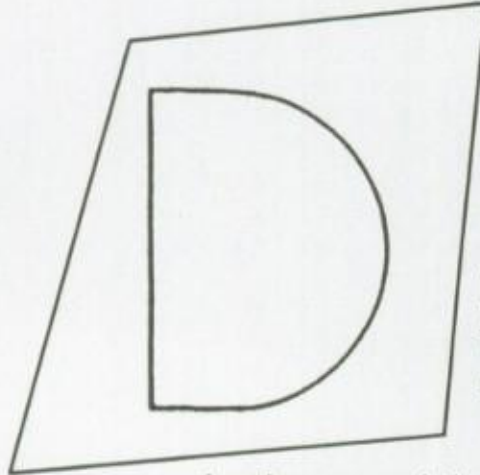
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**After being pushed by
pressure for nine months,
it was finally time for ...**

Takin' a bow



**“ When I’m un-
der pressure, I’m
forced to give more
than I normally
would.
Betina Whitaker ”**



WITH A SMILE FULL OF PRIDE, Kim Steenbock accepts congratulations, a plaque, and a \$50 savings bond from choir instructor Lee Spann for her dedication to the choral department.

uring a special year in which our Iowa winter seemed almost non-existent, many of us tried to hide in the glare of the sun from the monster called pressure. We soon found, though, that we couldn't hide for long. In the form of deadlines, term papers, tests, and tournaments, pressure chased us down and forced us to face it — and face it we did!

Throughout the year, but especially in May, we both reaped the rewards of our work and sought ways to temporarily relieve pressure.

On May 14, seniors were honored at Senior Honors Night, where Principal Fred Frick praised the Class of '87, saying that 89 percent of the seniors had earned more than 660 special awards after spending more than 100,000 hours on extracurricular activities, and that over \$286,000 had been given to them in the form of college scholarships and other awards.

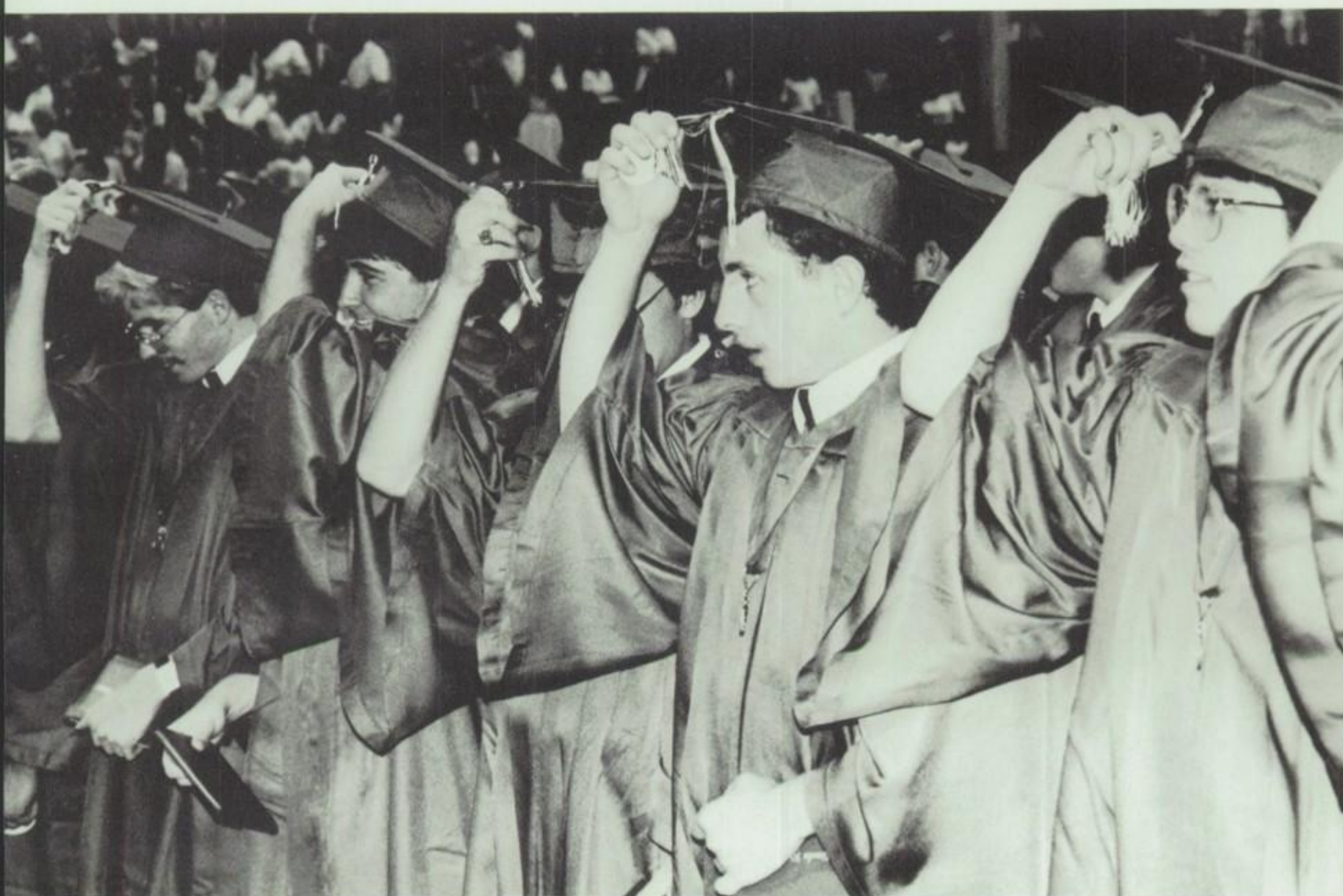
“It seems like ever since kindergarten, we have been hearing, ‘You kids are the worst class to ever go through this school system!’ ” said Kelly Yost '87. “It was great to hear Dr. Frick praise our class at Senior Honors Night. It's about time for someone to focus on the good stuff about our class instead of cutting us down all the time.”

Yet, just a week after all the praise, and the night before they were to be released from AL forever, seniors invaded the campus with hundreds of rolls of toilet paper. Just when things were going great, the teepeers heard, “COPS! RUN!”

While police lights scanned the campus, panic stricken kids scattered everywhere — into neighborhoods, behind trees, and up

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Getting the BEST ^{from} ~~of~~ us



PUSHIN' A BROOM, Principal Fred Frick takes a break from his everyday duties to give the janitors a hand in cleaning up end-of-the-year debris from the hallway.

ABE GETS A NEW CASE. Todd Fox, student council president, dedicates the gift donated by the Senior Class on May 21, before the senior party held in the cafeteria.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, The class of '87 makes it official — they are now AL alumni — by turning their tassels at the end of commencement exercises on June 22.

Takin' a bow *continued*

WITH HER HANDS FULL, Kathy Kowal jumps off the ledge to tee pee another tree on campus. The seniors got together the night of May 21 to leave their mark on the school.



into the hills, but five unlucky students who didn't escape received citations for criminal mischief and had to clean up "the mess" under police supervision.

Later, a few brave souls returned to redo what the police had made them tear down, and when people arrived at school on May 22, they were greeted with a message from the Class of '87 scrawled in black spray paint on the sidewalk of the building's north side, declaring, "No tears, no fears, tons of beers."

"Tee peeing the school was our final fling as a class, our last chance to show our artistic ability," said James Hatcher '87. "It's great to show spirit that way, but when it turned into vandalism, like spray painting on the building and sidewalks, it defeated the purpose of good, clean fun."

While seniors celebrated their last days, juniors and underclassmen faced the pressure of finals. Finally, two weeks later, they alleviated the pain of their last few days by letting out whoops of joy and stripping their lockers of papers, books, pictures of half nude bodies, and old jackets brought to school on cold mornings only to be discarded on hot afternoons.

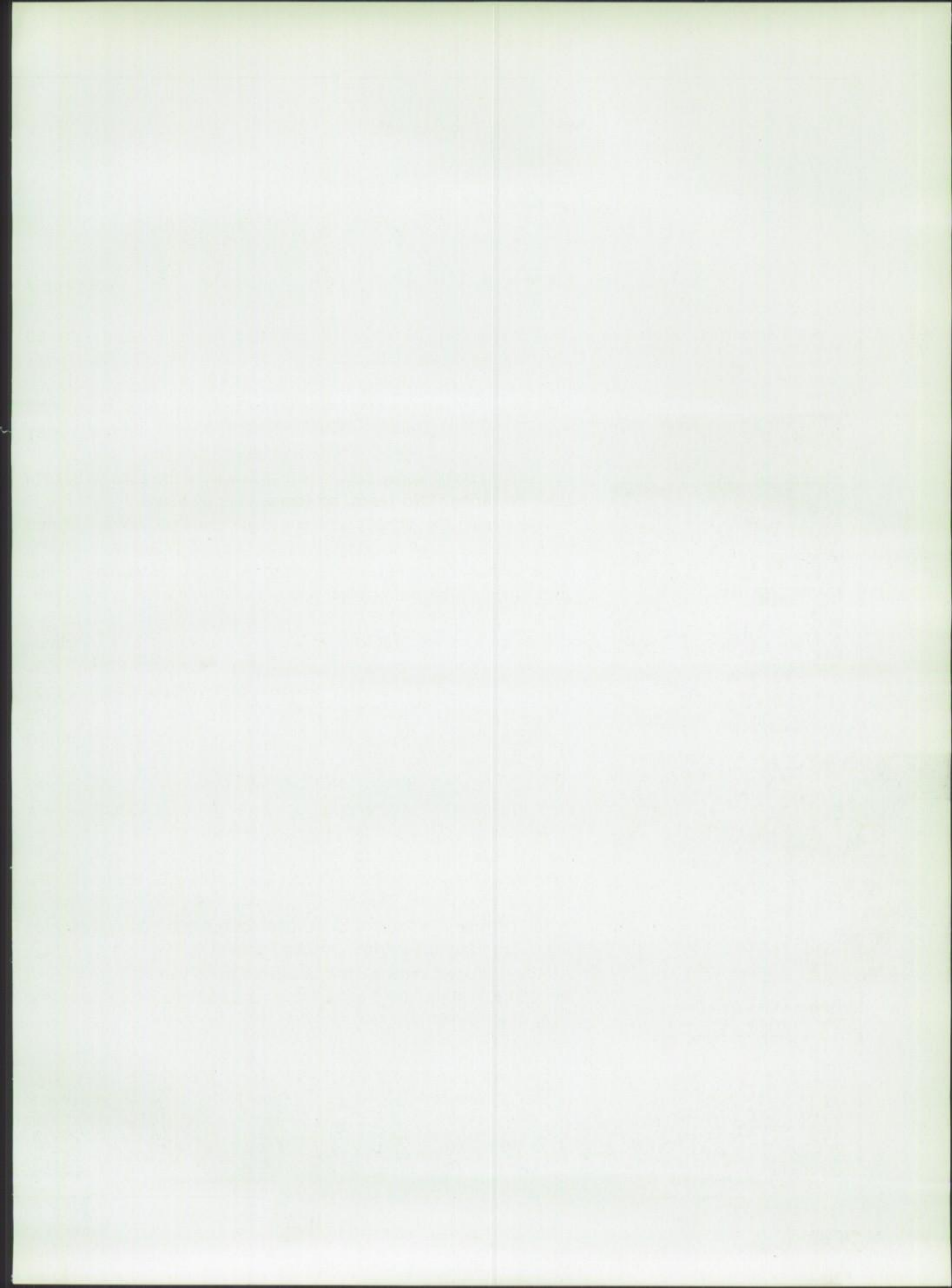
"The last day of school is definitely my favorite day, and probably everyone else's, because it is such a relief," said Dan Dahir '90. "Everything is finally over. No more papers, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks — at least for the next three months."

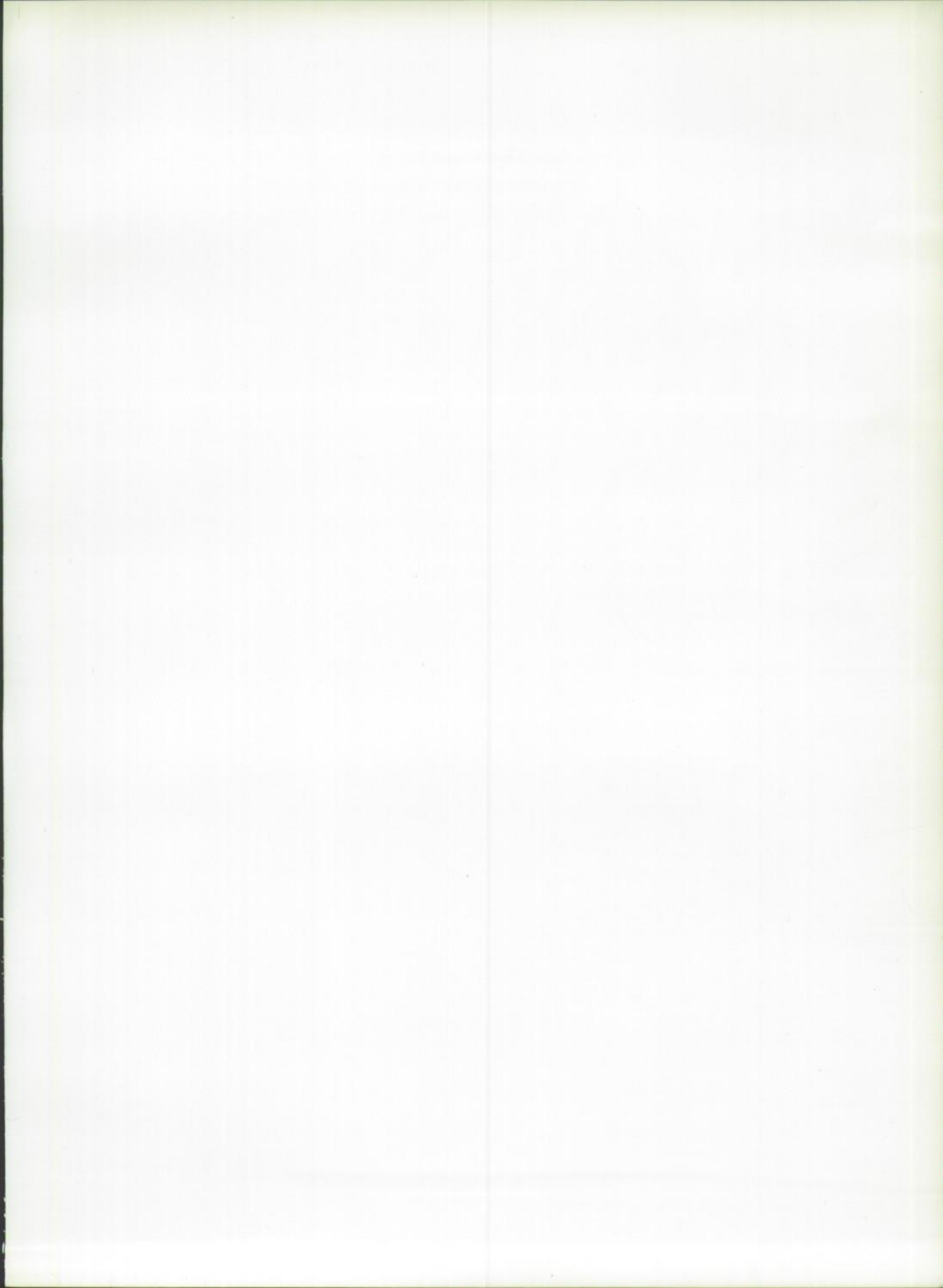
So just as the year had flown, caps flew on June 2 and papers flew on June 4, signalling the end of one era while another waited to begin. With seniors looking forward to college, jobs, or families, and juniors and underclassmen looking forward to finishing their high school years, we knew we had learned a lesson for life in 1987 — if we worked with it, and not against it, pressure would get the best from us every time.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE. Instructor Carol Tiller serves Chris Zimmerman a slice of cake at the senior party on May 21.

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Kelly
 Kelly has
 that one
 friend
 for a long
 time
 school
 love
 Kelly

Kelly,
 Love your yearbook!
 We've had lots of fun
 together! Your a
 super fun person to party
 with. We've gone through
 a lot of beer together!
 You are one of the prettiest girls
 in our class. I know
 you'll go far in life
 because you're glad we're
 going into a great subject.
 Remember we're
 going to have
 our own vet
 clinic some-
 day. You have
 to stay in
 touch after
 high school.
 I'm really
 glad we're
 such good
 friends.
 Love,
 Jill

Kelly
Goodness of The Dark (room)
Keep away from stone for
he could be carrying disease.
You know the kind in speaking of.
Enjoy your life with Linda -
Joy - Vails. Dedee Rob in The
dark, he needs it, it was great to
experience you as a darkroom bud.
Take that as you want.
Love,
Jonny

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Kelly,

I'm trying to sign this
while Orville M. is rambling
on with another one of his
stories.

We've had some crazy
times together... wrestling,
state, homecoming '87, student
council, ... You're such a
dizzy blonde, but I love ya.

Being a senior is nice.
This year will be great too.
I'm glad you made homecoming
court, you were really pretty.
Good luck always

Love,
Stacy Woods

